



March 25, 2013

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Endorsement of the Campaign for Prison Phone Justice's Online Petition in the
Matter of Rates for Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375**

Dear Commissioner Genachowski:

The undersigned individuals, endorse the online petition submitted on March 25, 2013 by the Campaign for Prison Phone Justice, regarding Proceeding #12-375, also known as "The Wright Petition," which asks Federal Communications Commission to use its jurisdictional power to make the cost of interstate prison telephone calls affordable for prisoners and their families.

During the comment period, hundreds of individuals--the majority, impacted family members and formerly incarcerated individuals--answered the call from the Campaign for Prison Phone Justice to share their personal experiences. In their own words, and in support of our online petition, they ask the FCC for relief from these exorbitant phone rates, and the detrimental impact it has on the health and wellbeing of their families and communities.

Our online petition, which received 1,287 signatures and/or comments, reads as follows:

Commissioners and Staff,

On behalf of the Campaign for Prison Phone Justice, a national campaign led by diverse human rights organizations, we urge you to address the cost of interstate, long distance phone calls from prison. There are 2.7 million children who have 1 or both parents incarcerated and for most families of prisoners a phone call is the only way they can stay

in touch.

Existing prison phone contracts result in exorbitant phone rates that make this vital communication unaffordable for those families. Our communities are disadvantaged when prisoners are unable to maintain family ties that will help them succeed post-release. We are asking the FCC to use its authority to regulate and set rate caps on interstate prison phone services. Regulation is necessary because telephone companies can't be depended on to lower the phone rates on their own.

Fair phone rates will ensure more communication with our loved ones in prison; keep our families strong, and our communities safe.

Today's closing of the public comment period, comes more than a decade after a U.S. District Court dismissed the class action lawsuit initiated by Mrs. Martha Wright, and referred it to the FCC. Absent regulatory action, even today, a single call from prison can cost as much as a month of unlimited phone service. This price not only unfairly burdens families with loved ones who are incarcerated, it fails to meet the FCC's mandate for just and reasonable rates on telecommunications services.

While we applaud the FCC for taking this long-awaited first step, we also impress upon you the need for decisive and timely action--including a rate cap and other measures to rein in the costs of this \$1.2 billion market dominated by Global Tel*Link Corp. and Securus Technologies Inc.¹

Sincerely,

The Campaign for Prison Phone Justice

¹ "Prison-Phone Rate Cuts Considered by U.S. Regulators," Bloomberg News, 11-15-12
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-11-15/prison-phone-rate-cuts-considered-by-u-s-regulators.html>

	First Name	Last Name	Zip	Stat	Comment
1	David	Kreiss-Tomkins	99835	AK	
2	Anna	Young	99517	AK	
3	Wendell	Eatherly	36618	AL	
4	Cheryl	Franklin	35040	AL	
5	Warren	Nakisher	35640	AL	
6	V.	Pearson	36693	AL	This will be too late to help my brother, who will soon be released. However, I would certainly hope others can benefit from lower rates.
7	Shirley Ann	Rawls	36092	AL	
8	Judith	Bernstein	72712	AR	
9	Beverly	Gamble	72451	AR	
10	Karla	Smith	72019	AR	The rate of a 15 minute phone call is \$5.00. More often than not you do not even get the full 15 minutes sometimes you get half the time. As you are ware there is a timer on your phone so from the time you answer the call until you hang up time is kep in the right hand corner of your receiver usually. The phone calls are vital to inmates well being and to the loved ones left at home. You tend to forget that there are more innocent inmates in prision than anyone realizes. The innocent and the guilty still need human contact with their loved ones and with the high cost it becomes unvaialbe to many families. Just hearing a pleasant voice and encouring word can make all the difference in the world to the inmate or the loved one.
11	WANDA	STEPHENS	72701	AR	
12	Carol	Welch	72150	AR	I am on social security it hard to pay high rate to talk to my son, which should not be in prison in first place.

13	Travis	Wyly	72206	AR	Recently my niece was in Pulaski County Jail for 2 months due to problems with drugs and alcohol. I have been a sober alcoholic for over 22 years and made it a point to accept calls from her. I was absolutely shocked at the cost of doing this! It is highway robbery to say the least. Fortunately, I make a good living and could afford the calls but my sister (my niece's mother) is on disability and a fixed income and could not. I implore you to take action to stop the gouging of families of the incarcerated. The incarcerated man or woman needs to have contact with family outside the walls and the expense of this contact should not be a burden to those families. For God's sake, do something about this!
14	Alma Rosa	Baruth	85203	AZ	
15	Georgia	Braithwaite	86326	AZ	
16	Linda	Brown	85016	AZ	
17	V. Jauhara	Care	85203	AZ	
18	Margaret	Cathey	85297	AZ	
19	Nancie	Chalmers-Herbst	85712 4	AZ	
20	William	Collins	85732	AZ	
21	Danae DeMeo	DeMeo	85013	AZ	
22	Patricia	Grames	85745	AZ	
23	Deborah	Gross	85016	AZ	Please consider limiting the cost of phone service. I have worked with patients who have reconnected over months and years with their families. This often provides a natural support system after release,
24	Cindy	Guerra	85308	AZ	
25	Angela	Hall	85306	AZ	The phonecalls for Alaska inmates cost nearly 20 dollars for 15 minutes. This places a huge burden on the inmate's loved ones. How can they justify these rates? It is time for change.
26	Connie	Hupperts	85345	AZ	
27	J	M	85743	AZ	
28	Angela	McClellan	86413	AZ	The inflated phone call costs from prisons are out of control. The families of inmates are already spending more than they can afford in an effort to support their loved ones in prison.

29	Amy	McMullen	85118	AZ	
30	carolyn	modeen	85351	AZ	
31	Patricia	Orlinski	85351	AZ	Being incarcerated warrants some need for communication with the outside world without being gouged by exorbitant rates.
32	Shawn	Rorke-Davis	85012	AZ	
33	Daphne	Thompson	85027	AZ	
34	Josie	Trapnell	85730	AZ	
35	Ann-Louise	Truschel	85326	AZ	It's a phone call for folks who have little else.
36	Patricia	Walters	85712	AZ	
37	Michele	Williamson	V9N 2G	BC	
38	Leal	Abbott	95695	CA	
39	Leslie	Adams	94804	CA	
40	Disgusted	American	90012	CA	TRUE STORY: My baby brother spent 6 months, including Christmas, UNFAIRLY imprisoned by PIG JUDGE, Sara Welch - (he was 18 & caught smoking weed) in that piece of totalitarian ish* Johnson County, Kansas's jail. (We are average hard working people. Not the criminals that the sheltered rich, & the evangelical nut-jobs of JoCo Kansas wanted us to be.) - - - Luckily I had a job at the time and could afford to buy him a calling card but the poor kid had to pay something outrageous to talk to me, or mom, every time. I want to say it was \$19.95 PER MINUTE for a limit of 3-minutes per call. And it's not like he was making a lot of cash in jail. Mom would take him \$5-10 a week so he could buy himself small luxuries like an overpriced candy bar or bowl of insta-ramen from the vending machine. (Another thing to look into.) - - - It meant the world to him to talk to us - and it meant the world to us to talk to him. It was his only tie to sanity and
41	Raul	Anorve	90032	CA	
42	Maria	Arias	94131	CA	
43	Bob	Atwood	96003	CA	
44	Gloria	Badella	95436	CA	

45	Maria	Barrera	91745	CA	With such high incarceration, create lines of communication for the incarcerated to become healthier. Talking to loved ones allows a human being to be whole.
46	Maria Cristina	Beato-Lanz	90041	CA	There is no "up" side to lack of contact between inmates and loved ones -- not for the inmates, for the families, or for the prison staff. None at all. Isolated problem cases can always be handled, but most inmates who are doing their time productively and trying to be released need contact with supportive people in their lives, and not just be limited to the dangers and negatives of prison life
47	Carol	Becker	91423	CA	
48	Christina	Beecher	92705	CA	
49	Lynn	Benton	94610	CA	
50	Karen	Berger	91020	CA	
51	Helen	Bersie	94619	CA	I sent an incarcerated family friend a phone card that he couldn't use but had to use a system there with a highly inflated cost. He was in Red Rock CC in Eloy, AZ
52	eva	bluestein	94530	@CA	
53	Nancy	Bocanegra	94596	CA	
54	Lorren	Boen	92262	CA	
55	Kristie	Boering	94611	CA	
56	Vic	Bostock	91001	CA	
57	Melanie	Bowden	95616	CA	
58	Candy	Bowman	95823	CA	
59	Margaret	Budd	92109	CA	Being in prison and away from family members is a huge price to pay. Being overcharged for telephone communication is an onerous burden and should be stopped.
60	Don	Buickerood	95470	CA	
61	Don	Burkart	91601	CA	
62	Ken	Burke	94613	CA	
63	Qato	Burkhart	90066	CA	I pay approximately \$11 for each 20-minute call to my close friend on death row in Virginia. This is not acceptable.

64	Janice	Burstin	92637	CA	REALLY???
65	Janice	Burstin	92637	CA	
66	Rafael	Canton	93003	CA	
67	gloriana	casey	91001	CA	There is so much unfairness in the world, but making people pay more for prison calls is very mean spirited. Phone companies once advertised "Reach out and touch someone.." and NOT reach out and overcharge SOME People.
68	Hilary	Chason	95628	CA	
69	Leanne	Civiletti	93225	CA	
70	Rosalee	Clarke	94087	CA	
71	Margaret	Connell	93117	CA	
72	Cherie	Connick	95531	CA	
73	Gillian	Cornelius	91604	CA	
74	BARBARA	DAVE	90045	CA	
75	James R.	Dawson	90504	CA	
76	Kim	DeBacco	93101	CA	The other comments say it all. "This is Global TellLink....."
77	Cristi	Delgado	94609	CA	I had to pay exorbitant fees so my friend in prison in Nebraska could call me. It's not right.
78	Gunilla	DOREMUS	94131	CA	down with patriarchy!!!!
79	Francesca	Droll	92056	CA	
80	Nicola	Duggan	92130	CA	
81	Bob	Edgerly	92234	CA	
82	Jim	Eliason	92104	CA	
83	Carol	Epstein	95060	CA	
84	Sue	Erickson	94534	CA	I know people who are charged a lot for their phone calls, so any savings would be a help for the innocent families to contact their loved ones.
85	John	Erlich	95821	CA	
86	deborah	fallender	90405	CA	
87	Jean A	Felton	94566	CA	
88	Mary Lou	Finley	91942	CA	
89	Jason	Fish	95765	CA	

90	carolina	florez	94610	CA	
91	Wayne P.	Flottman	90504	CA	
92	ELCA	FOSTER	91335	CA	
93	Helene	Frommer	94602	CA	
94	Kelly	Gallaughier	94086	CA	Since 90% of incarcerated people return to the community, it is important to keep them connected to family while inside. As a social worker, I have seen how the price of a phone call home is absolutely insane. I really think it is long overdue to end this phone company extortion from the families of the incarcerated.
95	Margaret	Gantes	92109	CA	
96	Amanda	Garces	90026	CA	
97	Jessie	Garcia	93012	CA	My son has been in prison for 19 years; haven't spoken to him on the phone in years due to the cost. This is my son whom I love regardless of his crime; it matters to me, a tax payer and voter.
98	David	Gardner	90405	CA	
99	Marshall	Garvey	95835	CA	
100	Wayne	Gibb	95436	CA	
101	Jill	Ginghofer	95062	CA	
102	Lauren	Graham	94142	CA	
103	Victoria	Grubbs	92126	CA	
104	Trevolyn	Haines	91709	CA	
105	Ron	Hansel	91790	CA	
106	tamara	hayes	94112	CA	
107	Christian	Heinold	94612	CA	
108	Alison	Hill	94549	CA	
109	Debi	Hodge	90804	CA	The fact that phone companies take advantage of a tragedy to make unreasonable profits is beneath reproach and so detrimental to so many families.
110	alexandra	howland	90007	CA	
111	Dan	Hrigora	92071	CA	

112	Janet	Innes-Kirkwood	95423	CA	I have had a child incarcerated pre-sentencing for almost a year in the Albany New York Jail. The cost of the phone is killing me. The company is GLocalTelLink. This is obviously a money making venture for the county. It is unethical in the greatest jailer in the world.
113	e.	johnson	94602	CA	
114	Susan	Josselyn	95014	CA	Phone companies absolutely need regulation. Greed and corruption is absolute.
115	David	Karpf	94043	CA	
116	Kathy	Kartiganer	90404	CA	I work with Veterans suffering from severe mental illnesses and substance abuse disorder. The majority are in their late 50's and 60's. They have been in and out of the prison system. Their families are for the most part on fixed incomes. Affordable communication costs are crucial for this population.
117	Paula	Katz	94116	CA	
118	Lynn	Kearny	94605	CA	
119	Elena	Kermani	92127	CA	
120	sang	kil	94110	CA	
121	Ken	Knabb	94702	CA	
122	rebecca	koo	95129	CA	
123	Barbara	Kraus	94901	CA	
124	Roberta	LaFrance	94577	CA	
125	Diane	Lamotte	95003	CA	
126	Candy	LeBlanc	95667	CA	
127	Claudia	Leung	94110	CA	
128	Nicole	Lindahl	94609	CA	
129	Colleen	Lobel	92126	CA	
130	Julie	Lovins	94039	CA	
131	Mandolyn	Ludlum	91607	CA	
132	Jacquelyn	Luta	95630	CA	
133	Marsha	Lyon	92116	CA	
134	Alex	MacCollom	95608	CA	

135	janet	maker	90024	CA	
136	Stacey	Malone	94706	CA	
137	Vicky	Manning	92122	CA	
138	Anna	Manuel	94115	CA	
139	JENIFER	MASSEY	92672	CA	
140	Debra	Maul	94580	CA	
141	Maren	McConnell-Collins	92103	CA	
142	Dan	McCrary	91324	CA	When my brother was incarcerated in Colorado, the amount I had to pay stay in touch was astronomical! Why is the family of a prisoner inflicted with further pain?
143	LESLIE	MILLER	91324	CA	
144	Louise	Monahan	95425	CA	
145	Megan	Moran	94131	CA	
146	Leslie	Morelli	94570	CA	
147	Janice	Morrell	96003	CA	
148	Ray	Morris	93308	CA	
149	Holly	Mosher	90291	CA	
150	Robert	Munsey	91306	CA	Those in various prisons are separated from society and, for some, there is the hope of gaining freedom in the future. The use of a phone represents a lifeline of sorts and can assist these people in becoming crime-free. In the interests of equality it would be proper to make contact with the outside to help them regain emotional stability. The costs of phone usage should be no more than similar use "outside."
151	Judith	Murphy	94028	CA	I have no personal experience with this, but am outraged that it exists. Why should phone corporations make money by adding to the misery of prisoners and their families?
152	Anna	Narbutovskih	95446	CA	
153	Marjory	Nelson	94110	CA	
154	William	Neusteter	90732	CA	The extremely high telephone rates cause undue hardship on families of incarcerated people.

155	Lezlie	Neusteter	92118	CA	The vast majority of prisoners will be released one day. They need to maintain a connection to the outside world if they are going to re-enter the community as a law abiding citizen. Take that connection away and you increase the chances of institutionalization and disenfranchisement making recidivism more likely.
156	Jane	Neusteter	91001	CA	I have been throwing my support for lower phone call costs for inmates and families for 20 years. Phone calls, like books and education opportunities are needed. They are minimum support for prisoners. Families will pay, make it reasonable. Especially with all the dollars spent on phone calls today. Help those who need this help!!
157	Laura	Nixon	94709	CA	
158	val	noble	95616	CA	
159	Nils	Ohlson	94501	CA	It severs communication between families and their incarcerated loved ones, and further serves to alienate them from their community of origin and the larger society.
160	Caesar	Pascual, MSW	90650	CA	
161	Laurens	Perry	92082	CA	
162	jeannie	pham	94608	CA	
163	Janet	Pielke	91711	CA	
164	Charlotte	Pirch	92708	CA	
165	Sharron	Powell	92011	CA	
166	ds	powell	92117	CA	
167	Pam	Ramirez	94804	CA	
168	Dolores	Ramos	90086	CA	
169	Eric G.	Ramstrom	96002	CA	
170	Sandie	Reed	92844	CA	Again, these increased phone rates hurt many people who can not afford a regular collect call, much less one from a person from jail. Why are we as a country, continuing to make money for the phone companies. It time to stop this.
171	kate	richardson	94612	CA	
172	BENJAMIN	RIVERA	94119	CA	Have some compassion. Do what you think would be right and fair.

173	Ronnie	Rose	95117	CA	
174	Richard and	Rosenstein	90067	CA	
175	Ben	Ruwe	95018	CA	
176	Cristina	Sandoval	95833	CA	
177	sandra	scholer	92020	CA	Prison phone calls- They are expensive and that impacts how much you can talk with your loved ones. It also impacts how much food you buy etc etc..Not to mention that GTL skims money out of your account. I lose 1 cent every 7-10 days approximately. I keep track daily. In the last month 5 cents has been skimmed off my account. Times this by, lets say, 1 million customers and that is an extra \$600,000.00 a year. And how about all the dropped calls? I have a landline and still I have not been reimbursed. What else can I say?? Corruption City!!
178	martha	schwartz	95060/4	CA	
179	Don	Schwartz	94939	CA	
180	Evalyn	Segal	94595	CA	
181	Ria	Severance	91105	CA	
182	Sher	Sheldon	94947	CA	
183	Joseph	Shulman	92115	CA	
184	Michael	Smith	92806	CA	
185	Todd	Snyder	94115	CA	
186	mai linh	spencer	94703	CA	I have had many clients who lost touch with their families because of the cost of phone calls. Keeping in touch prevents isolation and encourages healthy reentry into society. It is in everyone's interest to reduce the high cost of these calls.
187	Carly	Stair	94602	CA	I believe the best way to reduce recidivism is to keep families together. Lowered phone rates will help in these efforts.
188	Babara	Stannard	95835	CA	It is ad enough that family kenneed are incarsersted leaving otherfamily members to pay the bills. But when the nteadwinner is not inning the bread,phone calls to the inmate becomes to hard to handle. Please help us! Thank yougot your attention go this matter.
189	V	Stark	94039	CA	

190	Evelyn	Stern	90049	CA	
191	Karen	Stone	92653	CA	
192	Robert	Sullivan, MD	95816	CA	
193	Susan	Swope	94062	CA	Allowing phone companies to gouge prisoners and their families and make it difficult for prisoners to maintain the ties that will make for their successful re-entry is just wrong and counter productive. Please make it easier for families to stay in touch with their loved ones.
194	Judy	Taylor	94019	CA	
195	Jean	Teppermaen	94703	CA	
196	Claudia	Theis	94931	CA	
197	jennifer	thornton	91411	CA	In order to establish phone service to many of the Arizona jails use several different companies. Global Tel Link (GTL) there is an immediate fee of \$5.00, and the remaining \$20.00 will get you 20 minutes. Legacy with corporate office in Garden Grove CA. service charge \$5.50 each time you put money up front for collect calls, and you get 15 minutes for \$3.50. Calls from AZ state prison depend on your area code and proximity to prison. The best you can do is \$1.83 for 15 minutes but you have to mail in a check to prepay which take 10 days to post. If you use a credit card, you are charged \$7.95 service fee. My husband in in Arizona, his 12 year old daughter and I live in Los Angeles. The service charges alone are steep, and it is widely known the jails and prisons make money from the deals. Companies, jails and prisons are profiting off the loved ones who are the only support system for an inmate while they are incarcerated. These bonds need to be supported to
198	Gail	Tinsley	93117	CA	
199	Susan	Trivisonno	95135	CA	It is certainly immoral to take advantage of those who have no choice. Price gouging is illegal in most situations. It should not be allowed for prison phone use.

200	Lynda	Tutt	90044	CA	My son has been incarcerated for over five years. He has two sons ages 7 and 11. A phone call that did not cost an arm and a leg would help bring him together with his children. Our family is impacted by this high cost of communication. We have tried to visit in Represa, CA but when we got there the place was on lockdown. Not able to get in. We as a family need to be able to talk to my son their dad. So much can be achieved by just talking and being able to talk to your loved ones. Please help us help the children.
201	Erika	Valles	92324	CA	I just believe that any profetiring from unfortunate cercomstanses is dispicable. It's kicking someone when there down. I was raised to understand that human decensy dictates that u just dont do that, it is just bevond dishonorable.
202	Clarence	Vandenberg	94595	CA	
203	Sakura	Vesely	94553	CA	
204	Kharla	Vezzetti	95401	CA	
205	Alice	Waziri	95678	CA	
206	Magan	Weid	93240	CA	

					I agree with all the other comments in regards to the impact on families.....My plea to the FCC is this: How could you as a national regulator NOT intervene when each and every single state has taken advantage of, exploited, and monopolized on the obvious loophole and conflict of interest that is created by allowing the states to self-regulate and conspire with telecommunications companies in which they are accountable to NOBODY?. They have all conspired and transpired these self-serving monopolies and used the excuse that there is a need for such high prices due to the high cost of monitoring of calls. That's the prison's (and tax payers as a whole) job!!!!.....why don't the families have to pay for food for their incarcerated ones? or maybe pay for the guards uniforms? etc? Transferring the costs of monitoring phone calls from the tax payers as a whole to the families is not fair to the families and is by no means in the best interest of the inmates or their rehabilitation....PLEASE DO WHAT IS MORALLY RIGHT! The prisons need to lobby for more money elsewhere since as the current bureaucracy allows a "legally untouchable and perfect monopoly." within each state.
207	scott	williams	92083	CA	
208	Arlene	Wiltberger	94070	CA	
209	Andreas	Wittenstein	94973	CA	
210	Lynn	Wolf	91350	CA	
211	Shelley	Anckner	80863	CO	
212	Bettina	Basanow	80239	CO	
213	Nancy	Besancon	80122	CO	
214	Kayla	Brown	80021	CO	With the high phone rates I am unable to speak to my husband often. Phone calls in Colorado average almost \$5 for 20 minutes. I not only provided money for my husband to call me but also his parents and siblings. Phone calls are our only means of communication due to him being 3 1/2 hours away from where I live. We both look forward and cherish the phone calls we do get. It not only helps me, but also it helps him stay focus on coming home as soon as possible. Please lower the phone rates.

215	Gloria	Brown	80021	CO	
216	Connie	Cala	80813	CO	That is very unfair and unethical!
217	TANYA	CALVERT	80015	CO	
218	James	Carr	80517	CO	
219	Carol	Chesley	81005	CO	
220	Hilary	Chouinard	80206	CO	
221	Lori	Colina-Lee	80512	CO	
222	DeJanee	Culley	80021	CO	I have 2 loved ones locked up! The rates are just too much I am spending over 250 dollars to speak to my loved ones! That is just RIDICULOUS!!!! The rate needs to be lower! One is in Colorado and the other one is in VA!
223	Vinny	Dzikowski	80121	CO	They charge the most expensive phone calls on the planet!!!! \$9.99 for 5 minutes?? c'mon, that is just ripping people, families and friends are the ones being punished the most. It's the same everywhere every state
224	Jessica	Fera	80236	CO	The high rates of phone calls from our incarcerated family members has a very detrimental impact on finances that are very often already strained due to the loss of income from when the family member became incarcerated. Being able to keep a healthy bond with their families plays a major role in the rehabilitation of the inmate. These crazy rates are prohibitive to that end.
225	Susan	Grey	80206	CO	
226	Sonia	ImMasche	80524	CO	
227	Stephanie	Johnson	81301	CO	
228	Amie	King	80231	CO	
229	Dr. Jill	Kuhn	80526	CO	Family and friends who support their incarcerated loved ones should not be punished by the exorbitant phone fees. They are living peaceful lives, making a living, caring for children AND supporting their incarcerated loved one. Their support improves the coping and decreases negative behaviors of the person behind bars and thus makes prison employees' jobs easier. Prisons should NOT be profiting off the backs of innocent civilians!
230	LisaJo	Laptad	80910	CO	

231	Marguerite	Lykes	8096	CO	It has cost me hundreds of dollars to stay in touch with my son when he was only 20 years old and needed to talk with his mother. And you buy so many minutes - if your inmate gets out before you use them all, you get NO refunds.
232	JM	Maclaine	80501	CO	
233	Linda	ROADY	80111	CO	
234	Lydia	Ruyle	80631	CO	
235	Bernadette	Saleh	80110	CO	My nephew is incarcerated in Las Animas, Colorado. His Mother is disabled and unable to make the long drive from Denver to visit him, so his phone calls are vitally important to her and other family members as their only means of communication. His Mother is on a fixed income and cannot afford to send him a lot of money for phone calls and collect calls are extremely expensive. Calls are often dropped and the inmate is charged for those as well. Even a free call once a month would help. On behalf of my nephew and his family, we are appealing to the FCC to please address this issue. Thank you.
236	Daniel	Sanchez	80634	CO	
237	Suruna	Satya	80907	CO	I don't recall the charges, not prohibitive, but the privatized systems are grossly unfair. They aren't providing any service that the local phone co. couldn't. Look to their ownership and who decided this was a 'good idea'.
238	Richard	Staples	80027	CO	
239	Henry	Unrein	80526	CO	
240	Liza	Ward	80422	CO	
241	Jennifer	Williams	80526	CO	
242	Linda	Wolff	80233	CO	
243	Amanda	Alexander	6511	CT	
244	Diana	Black	6608	CT	
245	Jacqueline	Brown	6825	CT	
246	Kathy	Chase	6484	CT	
247	Joan	Chrisler	6460	CT	
248	Karma	Daigle	6786	CT	

249	Lynn	Eisner	6883	CT	
250	Stephanie C.	Fox	6002	CT	
251	Marjorie	Freeman	6611	CT	Because of overcrowding, my friend's son was transferred to a prison 600 miles away. Therefore, she could very rarely visit him, and had to rely on phone calls to keep in touch. Not being able to see one's son is bad enough, without rubbing salt into the wound by making her pay so much extra just to talk with him on the phone.
252	Francine	Goldstein	6883	CT	
253	mardi	hanson	6441	CT	
254	Barbara	Krystock	6457	CT	
255	mike and miri	kurland	6250	CT	
256	Nina	Lomando-Grigoreas	6250	CT	
257	daria	miedzinski	6473	CT	I would like to know where all of the money from these calls is going. For 2 years, I received calls from Cheshire, CT prison and the cost was astronomical. Each call was like \$40 and Cheshire is the next town over. Come on, where is this money going? It is bad enough CT made in profits from prisons last year alone was 2.9 billion dollars. Now is the FCC looking to cash in on the profits as well? The telephone calls should be a set, very reasonable price that people CAN AFFORD. Stop ripping people off. This is a scam and it is despicable. These inmates ARE STILL HUMAN AND HAVE LOVED ONES. Make it possible for people in this situation to keep in touch. Rethink your rates and stop the fraud.
258	John	Pritchard	6281	CT	
259	Penny	Resnick	6870	CT	
260	Leslie	Ricklin	6235	CT	They haven't impacted me at all- What HAS impacted me is being forced to be a party to the further punishment of those - - nearest to imprisoned people. - - We outlawed slave labor- we should outlaw this.
261	Guy	Ricklin	6235	CT	Why should corporations bribe our officials to victimize those in prison and their families...???

					Communication is key when one is away from loved ones. There is nothing like hearing the voice and warmth of family or friends when away. It is therapeutic, positive and very much needed to reassure both sides while helping them through the change, separation and transformation process.
262	Patricia	Sabato	6482	CT	
263	David	Winer	6002	CT	
264	Joan	Zentarski	6479	CT	
265	Megan	Challender	20010	DC	
266	Sheila	David	20007	DC	This is outrageous and should be illegal.
267	Corinne	Falotico	2093	DC	
268	Louis	Frohman	20010	DC	
269	Megan	Kearns	20003	DC	
270	Maria	Ladron de Guevara	20010	DC	
271	Karen	Manning	20036	DC	
272	Erin	Radford	20024	DC	
273	Carol	Waser	20008	DC	
274	Joy	Welan	20001	DC	
275	Byron	White	20007	DC	
276	Dr. E. Faye	Williams	20024	DC	The families of inmates should not be punished. Do this for them.
277	Janet	Louise	19711	DE	
278	Molly	Merrill	19808	DE	
279	Michelle	Middlebrooks	19801	DE	
280	Crystal	Robbins	19720	DE	
					What affects one family eventually affects us all; especially when children are involved. If we hope for prisoners rehabilitation we have to make it possible for them to keep in touch with their families and communities.
281	Lorie	Tudor	19802	DE	
282	Vaughn	Anderson	33708	FL	It's human kindness and FAIR.
283	Mark	Battiste	32607	FL	
284	Thomas	Baxter	32302	FL	
285	heather	burdick	33179	FL	
286	Tina	Carpemter	32713	FL	

287	Susan	Chandler	34946	FL	Cruel and unusual punishment surely includes making voice contact unaffordable for prisoners.
288	Sarah	Coats	33134	FL	1 in 28 school-aged children have a parent in jail or prison. Families must be able to stay in touch during separation.
289	Fred	Coppotelli	34209	FL	
290	Angel	darling	34473	FL	The rate for talking to my son, locally was \$15.99 for 20 minutes. He is located less than 15 miles from my home. I am a single mother with 5 children and we are all he has. It has caused emotional and financial hardship to my family and myself not to be able to speak with him and to cut corners every way so we can show some sort of support for him, again, we are all he has, he needs hope to know he is cared about and does a future. The cost are extreme, why punish the families? He is in for possession of marijuana.
291	Maggie	Davidson	33060	FL	
292	Julia	Dawson	33129	FL	
293	Valari	Fauntleroy	33811	FL	I have had the experience of the high cost of collect calls from a prison and it is absolutely ridiculous, and something needs to be done.
294	Elaine	Garceau	32817	FL	
295	Jorge	Garriga	33172	FL	
296	marie	glidewell	34238	FL	Our prisons more and more resemble something Charles Dickens could write about. In Florida, the cost is \$10 for three minutes. Such a situation invites disconnection from families, and the certainty, among prisoners, that they are there to be robbed by the legal system. They criticize the China for using its prisoners for profit, for labor. We need not follow their model.
297	Constance	Goldstein	34231	FL	
298	Myriam	Gonzalez	32805	FL	I have not gone through this but I understand and support the families that have.
299	Florence	Goodman	33437	FL	
300	Margaret	Graham	32827	FL	
301	Andreina	Granado	33175	FL	

302	Mary Jill	Hanson	33477	FL	It's really outrageous, that companies are allowed to profiteer off poor people, especially people who are in detention for non-criminal matters, such as immigration
303	Ronald	Harmon	32822	FL	You people are outrageous!
304	Theresa	Hobmeier	33321	FL	
305	Adrienne	Hochberg	33477	FL	How can this go on in America?
306	Mark	Holmgren	33705	FL	Gouging financially disadvantaged people BECAUSE YOU CAN is still inexcusable.
307	Ira	Horowitz	33137	FL	
308	Patricia	Ireland	33090	FL	
309	Audrey	Jensen	34236	FL	Inmates should not be denied the opportunity to speak to family and love ones while in prison. Think of a young child longing to speak to his or her dad on a special day. They need the support and love of a parent who is unable to be there. Rates should be fair. Why not allow phone cards. Audrev Jensen
310	Janice	Jochum	33776	FL	
311	heidi	Jurka	33756	FL	
312	debra	kaplan	32726	FL	
313	Sandra	LaCour	32119	FL	
314	Laura	Lamon	33603	FL	Please help these people. I had no idea this was happening until reading about it just now. Taking advantage of the poor is just not right.
315	Yaneth	Lombana	33016	FL	It is shameful that phone companies are taking advantage of those who are already struggling. This practice has to stop now.
316	Carol	Luntz	32935	FL	
317	Ramsay	MacLeod	33460	FL	
318	elizabeth	Mayer	34135	FL	
319	Colleene	McGlone	34655	FL	
320	Gail	McGlone	34655	FL	

321	Vivian	Merchant	32617	FL	I rarely get to speak to my son as I live on disability. I have no way to visit him so being able to hear his voice and him hear mine is more than important for us. I am his only life line to the outside and his only means of emotional and mental support. I try to keep him inspired and motivated, it's so hard when in order to be able to talk to him, I have to sacrifice my medicines to be able to do it. It's already torture that he is imprisoned for 15 years and to know I may never be able to HUG him again because I might be DEAD by the time he is released
322	Vernetta	Mullins	33625	FL	
323	Colleen	Parnell	34112	FL	
324	Tracey	Partin	32751	FL	
325	Dolores	Peers	34608	FL	
326	Joanne	Regan	32937	FL	
327	Judith	Rice	33596	FL	
328	Mary	Roberts	33024	FL	I currently have a plan that costs \$3.95 per call, plus an additional .30 cents per minute. Within a little over a week I spent over a hundred dollars. This is insane! I cannot afford to keep going this way, but the only other alternative is not to speak with my son....son or bankruptcy is not a fair choice.
329	Janet	Robinson	33433	FL	
330	Judy	Schwartz	33008	FL	
331	Jennifer	Scott	33908	FL	
332	Sharon	Shears	32696	FL	I have a grandson incarcerated in the Spring Creek Correctional Center in Seward, Alaska. I just received a phone call from him with reversed charges I authorized for the first time since he became an inmate there. I live on a very limited income, and would like to keep in touch with him, but due to the prohibitive telephone rates, will not be able to. Please consider lowering the rates for the families of these inmates. I hope to see my grandson become a productive member of society after his release, and he needs to know his family will be there for him. Thank you. Sharon Shears

333	melissa	shuler	32130	FL	Having a loved one in prison is hard enough, but when you are the sole provider with one income, it effects everything.. i have paid alot in phone bills probably not as some, but i think being forced to put a minuium amount on the prepaid service is not good and the rates should be revised. thanks
334	Stephanie	Simmons	34239	FL	
335	joanne	sininsky	33449	FL	
336	Catherine	Stanton	32935	FL	
337	Sharon	Stern	33776	FL	
338	Marilyn	Stern	33025	FL	
339	suzanne	stier	33437	FL	
340	Alice	Sullivan	34221	FL	Families of inmates are not criminals and should not be penalized more than other citizens
341	Alexandra	Treiber	34695	FL	This is unconscionable and inhumane and simply, just another example of pain for profit in our society. - - I can only think of the Soviets having made things worse for families with prisoners, they sent them to Siberia. - - If one is in prison, one is already paying one's penalty. Why should any corporation profit from such an additional penalty?
342	Eldon	w	33708	FL	
343	Joan	Walker	32619	FL	
344	Christine	Whiteleather	33756	FL	
345	Cheryl	Zahn	33071	FL	Seems completely wrong here. Why are the families being punished with exorbitant rates?
346	Doug	Adams	30068	GA	
347	Angeline	Albright	30528	GA	
348	Sandra	Ashmore	31313	GA	
349	joan	autry	30606	GA	

350	Barbara	Horne	30115	GA	Rates I don't know about because the monopoly company refuses to give me access. Says my phone utility bill address doesn't match my water bill. I've lived here 12 years. Phone bill in prisoner's name, not mine. I provided copy of marriage license. No help. They also won't allow me to use ConsCallHome.com!!!! Said they are considered call forwarding. I call it a monopoly!!!!
351	Jessica	Hunt	30606	GA	
352	Jennifer	McCullough	30102	GA	The prices charged for jail and prison calls are outrageous. These people need to be able to spend their money on bond and defense and commissary. Simple phone communication should be a right rather than a major expense. The providers are taking advantage and it must be stopped!!
353	Fred	Nadelman, LMSW	31404	GA	
354	Eileen	Power	30342	GA	I have not been personally impacted by the explosive rates..... but am wise enough to know this shouldn't be happening and is an explosive practice.
355	Grace	Robinson	30076	GA	
356	Bonnie	Valant-Spaight	30064	GA	
357	cynthia	wake	30337	GA	being able to contact family members and other support systems will have a positive impact on incarcerated people. Please keep the rates affordable to allow us to communicate with our loved ones
358	Anne	Zacharias-Walsh	30305	GA	
359	david	bohn	96786	HI	
360	Tracy	Hoffman	96822	HI	
361	Alan	Young	96720	HI	
362	Beverly	Zigmond	96763	HI	
363	Karen	Agee	50613	IA	
364	bernardo	alayza mujica	51111	IA	
365	Barbara and J	Dale	52101	IA	
366	Jody	Gibson	50315	IA	

367	Rich	Griffith	50501	IA	A friend of mine's son is in prison and calls are so much he can't afford to call often and she can't afford to send the money for frequent calls. \$10/call is usury. I understand covering costs, but this seems more in the vein of causing unnecessary suffering to the loved ones. It's impossible for us to call them and we worry and they're not able to call out.
368	Jennifer	Horner	51566	IA	
369	Doris	Howard	52141	IA	
370	James H	Jorgensen	50014	IA	
371	Joa	LaVille	50158	IA	I think that not being able to talk to a family member in prison, because of the cost, punishes people who are already victims of the situation (a prisoner's children, his/her parents)...plus knowing there is still support on the outside can only have a positive effect on a prisoner's choices (behavior, etc. that would impact earlier release, etc.)
372	Terry	Lowman	50014	IA	First, they move prisoners out of their community--sometimes thousands of miles away. And then they charge \$1 per minute to talk on the phone. This at a time when telephones using the internet connection can cost as little as \$20 per year, for unlimited use. - - This is a burden that already financially strapped families cannot handle.
373	Lorraine	McCrary	52806	IA	
374	Genevieve	Radosti	51106	IA	
375	RONALD	RICHARDSON	51555	IA	
376	Anita	Shekinah	50265	IA	

377	David	Vasquez	52101	IA	John gets pulled over on his way to work on Monday, and because of his immigration status ends up in detention. John's family has no idea where he is. The one call he is allowed to make breaks up and they can't communicate. After a couple of days, we finally find John in the maze of the immigration detention system and figure out how to get him some money so he can call his family--talk to his daughter who hasn't slept well since he "disappeared," tell his wife what he understands of his legal situation so she can provide him with the legal support anyone in his condition should have. At that point we are just at the beginning, as the desperate family uses precious resources to pay exorbitant fees for calls in a system that seems to come out of the worst nightmares of "company towns," where those in power could extract whatever funds they wanted from people for basic services. This MUST stop. There is no reason for this kind of exploitation to take place. The legal system has established measures to meet out justice for whatever transgressions someone may have done--the added burden of prohibitive phone charges cannot be excused as an added punishment, but should be viewed as the exploitation for the benefit of private interests that it is. For John and millions like him--please act now. Allow those like him who are tangled in a complex system, to navigate it with the support of family and the proper access to advice and
378	Sherry	Bazile	83714	ID	My son has been incarcerated since 1997 and has a long sentence to fulfill. I have paid as much as \$33.00 for a half hour just to stay in contact with him. This is totally unfair to the families of prisoners and indicates that the correctional centers are really not about rehab but in penalizing the families. Why should the families have to pay 500% over what a normal phone call in any other circumstance would be? I ask only for fairness and compassion on the side of the FCC and the correctional facilities. It is of utmost importance that the families keep connected. Thank you Sherry Bazile
379	Lynn	Pearson	83801	ID	

380	Karen	Schaefer	83404	ID	
381	Jaki	Wright	83843	ID	
382	Monica	Palacio	60176	IL	
383	Angie	Affolter	60060	IL	
384	Bruce	Anderson	60008	IL	These rates are not just.
385	Bruce	Anderson	60008	IL	
386	gerald	antich	60440	IL	
387	Dee	Battaglia	60554	IL	
388	jeanne	beckman	60093	IL	
389	Mary	Bennett	60659	IL	
390	Kath	Camasto	60540	IL	
391	Laurel	Casper	60457	IL	
392	Colleen	Davis	60613	IL	
393	Gayle	Donnelly	60625	IL	
394	Steve	Drucker	61281	IL	We just finished watching Birdman of Alcatraz - perhaps the first expose of prison abuses.
395	Richard	Esbenshade	61801	IL	
396	Terry	Fagen	60601	IL	
397	Merle	Felder	61614	IL	
398	Belden	Fields	61801	IL	
399	Greta	Fitzpatrick	62221	IL	
400	Allison	Fradkin	60062	IL	
401	Mark	Frey	60632	IL	We were part of a prison ministry program, and had to pay exorbitant rates to talk just for 10 minutes each month. It's unjust.
402	Jude	Garner	60014	IL	stop stealing from us all.
403	Paula	Givan	60637	IL	
404	marge	goldman	60201	IL	
405	Gary	Grice	60647	IL	
406	Elizabeth	Hossa	60491	IL	
407	Carol	Johnson	60091	IL	

408	Mary Kim	Johnson	60515	IL	In Illinois, it used to cost \$5 just to answer the phone. I had inmates on my caseload(I retired from IDOC) that gave up speaking to their families--same problem in Juvenile. These are people that will be back in society and we're assisting in making them more anti-social rather than less!
409	charal	kellner	60564	IL	
410	Rohn	Koester	61802	IL	
411	Karen	Kortsch	60044	IL	
412	Peter	Kuttner	60302	IL	
413	Norman W.	Lathrop	60440	IL	
414	Ann	Legg	60098	IL	
415	Dale	Lehman	60645	IL	Please put an end to the abusive and punitive phone rates that phone companies are imposing on captive members of our society. - - - Prison time and the loss of personal freedom should be sufficient to make whole one's debt to society. There is no legitimate reason to add an additional burden on prisoners, family or friends in the form of telephone price gouging. It works against the interest of the prisoner, their family, the community from which they come and society as a whole. - - - The current exorbitant pricing interferes with the necessary social rehabilitation of the prisoner and healthy family dynamics necessary to insure that additional costs resulting from recidivism will less likely burden society.
416	Lisa	Long	60073	IL	
417	Crystal	Love	60615	IL	
418	Marilyn	Mason	60201	IL	
419	Ana	Mercado	60640	IL	It is unjust for phone companies to take advantage of the poor people that use this service.
420	Linda	Mock	60516	IL	
421	Terry	Moon	60604	IL	Phone companies have plenty of money while the families of prisoners usually do not. Don't punish those families, make it easier for the children of those in prison to keep in touch with their mothers and fathers.
422	Viviana	Moreno	60647	IL	
423	Jennifer	Near	60614	IL	

424	Gary	Neu	61073	IL	
425	Margaret	O'Brien	61856	IL	
426	Glenda	ODell	60538	IL	
427	Stephanie	P	60461	IL	
428	Susan S.	Pastin	60626	IL	Exhorbitent phone rates would decrease family contact - which is exactly what we DON'T want to do with prisoners!
429	Jean	Peterman	60304	IL	
430	Joan	Phillips	60304	IL	
431	ELois	Poole-Clayton	60639	IL	There are communities EVERYWHERE, that is experiencing this tragic situation. Children/families, are doing all they can to stay in contact with their loved ones, which is BADLY needed, with the many assaults that may are bestowed with.....Many families are finding it difficult to decide between paying rent, buying food OR chancing not knowing if their incarcerated lovedone are NOT being treated with 'CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT" and it MUST be allowed to be monitored and the BEST way to do so, is to NOT make it so difficult for families to be able to afford calls from their incarcerated lovedones!
432	Lynne	Presley	60440	IL	When a loved one gets into trouble and is incarcerated, you shouldn't have to take a small loan out to be able to have phone contact. The price of phone calls is nothing than greed on the side of the provider, not to mention, most of the families have limited income.
433	Melanie	Rawlins	61455	IL	
434	VINCENT	Reed	60617	IL	
435	Kelly	Rice	60430	IL	
436	Bonnie	Richardson	60626	IL	
437	Nancy	Russo	60657	IL	
438	Helene	Schaefer	60544	IL	My son is incarcerated in North Carolina and it costs \$12-15 per 15 minute call he makes to me.
439	Deborah	Schechter	60645	IL	

440	Heather	Schmitt	60618	IL	I cannot afford to pay \$25 to talk to my dad for 10 minutes anymore so we just don't talk. It hurts not to speak with him. Why do I have to pay so much financially or emotionally for his past actions? I didn't do anything wrong and yet I'm paying like crazy to maintain a relationship with my father. Please make this necessary change and take the burden off the shoulders of the families.
441	Zachary	Schneirov	60604	IL	
442	Alexandra	Sipiora	60611	IL	
443	Juleigh	Snell	62002	IL	
444	Michelle	Spranger	60187	IL	I have friends who have been convicted of crimes induced by illness. They are now free, successfullu coping in society, but missing years of bonding and communication with their children. It is cruel and unfair to punish children as their parents suffer...not just due to their imprisonment, but due to an unfair restriction against a parent's need to speak with those of their own flesh and blood
445	Howard	Stein	60615	IL	
446	bob	tyson	62966	IL	
447	Rachel	Wales	60453	IL	
448	Mariell	Waltner	60611	IL	
449	terrence	ward	60445	IL	
450	Sharon	Warsaski	60053	IL	
451	Nan	Warshaw	60613	IL	
452	Scott	Weiskopf	60654	IL	
453	Martha	Willi	61606	IL	
454	Cheryle	Abulhusn	46408	IN	Our phone calls are so expensive. We can not afford to talk very often. It makes it so hard because we worry so much when we don't hear from my grandson. Please help us so that we can afford phone calls to our loved ones.

455	Brenda	Bean	47712	IN	Please think about the families of the incarcerated. We already face a number of heartaches and pay out an arm and leg for so many things others take for granted. It now cost my \$80. per month just to talk to my love one who is incarcerated. I am a widow, on disability and supporting 5 people. It is very hard to make ends meet without added cost for unfair phone rates.
456	Michael	Berndt	47401	IN	I can't call my son in prison regularly. It's too expensive for a single parent.
457	Rebecca	Bordt	46135	IN	
458	Joyce	Bowman	46256	IN	
459	Amy	Greene	46992	IN	
460	Stephanie	Jacobson-Dean	47448	IN	
461	Miranda	Jones	47714	IN	The cost of the calls make it to where my kids and I can not talk to my husband often. Spend hundreds on phone calls, or my my kids. I wish I could do both more easily.
462	John	Kirchner	46807	IN	
463	Pat	McQuade,APRN,MSN	46628	IN	It is just time to cease this abusive practice of yielding such exorbitant fees to stay in touch with family members or friends serving time in prison.
464	joyce	merritt	46222	IN	I have two sons in prison. I am a senior disabled single woman with no automobile. After my bills and meds I have \$27. a month how can I stay there for my sons. I need help and that measly little amount of time i can talk to them makes my heart hurt. I did nothing wrong why do I continue to be punished.
465	joyce	merritt	46222	IN	I am an older, single, disabled woman on ssi. I have no vehicle and no way to see my two sons in prison and I can't afford the price of phone calls. I would have to choose which one I could talk to.How do you choose between your kids. I have \$27. after my bills to live on. I need every break I can get. I love my boys but I am being punished over and over for their bad choices.

466	Charles	Nute	46013	IN	I cannot tell you how the rates impact the community, but I can tell you literally have a captive audience with only one service provider, you have the absolute definition of a monopoly. I was incarcerated from May 2010 to May 2012 and it was ridiculous the cost of phone calls and the money my mom had to spend which only allowed a weekly call and an occasional call to my brother. Please do something to help those still incarcerated.
467	Rosemarie	Overstreet	46240	IN	
468	Susan	Pratt	46260	IN	
469	Lee	Ragsdale	46219	IN	
470	brandi	richardson	46933	IN	I come from a low income family and my husband is in prison its hard to keep money on the phone to keep in contact with my husband when the phone rates are outrageously priced. I have many medical issues that require meds and I need to be able to talk to my husband about what's going in
471	MaDonna	Rocheft	46530	IN	When my son first went to prison he could call collect, and it was on my at&t phone bill. That bill could go as high as \$200.00, and I always paid. Then at&t put a \$50.00 limit on bills, so I couldn't talk to my son much. Now it's all pre-pay cards kind of thing. To go see my son is a 3 hour drive one way, so I can only go see him like once every three or four months. Phone contact is very important to all of us for spirit, depresion, moral, and so much more. Please do something about the caust

472	o	smith	46222	IN	On Feb.27,2013,I was given information from Public Communication Services customer service repre. to start the account so my son could call me. Send the money toAMG Telecom Corp. at Walmart thru moneygram decide to check got the answering service the service no longer accept money thru PCS.Unable to get any answer so, i decide to call the Prison Facility,Prison Commissior of state they could not give me any information .So, make a long story short somebody got my money.The correctional officer said my son could buy prepaid time , I told her that when i talk to my son and he said i hunger - so,i would like for him to eat. And to outsource those call to company form India,Mexico this country is outsource call that could leave our family open to nothing This is most overpriced thing
473	DAVID	SWINEHART	46902	IN	
474	Michael	Bayouth	67207	KS	
475	Squid	Burns	66216	KS	The Criminal Justice System should not be for profit, especially when it comes to communication.
476	Betty	Calcara	66203	KS	
477	Michele	Garner	67208	KS	
478	Lena	Heflin	67060	KS	
479	Lisanne	Hix	67156	KS	My son is housed in Kansas and for me to talk to him within the state is .31cents a minute. I am on disability. His Grandmother lives in Florida and pays .48 cents a minute. She is retired. These are not fair amounts to have to pay to maintain a relationship with my son. My daughters cannot even afford the cost of a call and only speak to him when he happens to call when I am in their company. The high rates aid in splitting the fabric of the family even further than the initial crime and its incarceration already have. The FCC has the ability to affect this for the betterment of the families of this country. It isn't always about business. It really isn't. It's about lives and generations of individuals. Please, please, do the right thing and make this service more affordable for the families out here who are already at a loss.
480	Viv	Mag	66609	KS	

481	Ann	Scahill	66215	KS	The rates are horrid: \$5.89 for a 2 min 22 sec call. Cost can be nearly \$100 for 4 - 5 calls. Please please help. I am willing to volunteer to do what I can..
482	mike	scahill	66215	KS	
483	LeAnne	Thompson	66216	KS	
484	Jennifer M	Weishaar	66044	KS	
485	Timothy	Borah	41015	KY	
486	Robin	Burke	40205	KY	
487	Joanne	Cybulski	40222	KY	
488	Glenn	Eisenbrey	40213	KY	Excessive phone charges are unethical regardless of who is impacted. The phone companies have a monopoly in this country and should therefore be held accountable. This is an illegal penalization added to a legal sentence. Children are being victimized.
489	Jane	Hope	40204	KY	
490	Carol	Hopwood Sapp	41074	KY	
491	Larry	Hovekamp	40218	KY	How can we tell convicted prisoners that stealing and bilking is wrong when the system rips them off when charged for phone use??? FCC: end excessive prison phone charges NOW!!!
492	Jodie	Leidecker	40403	KY	
493	Fausta	Luchini	40218	KY	I'm a mental health therapist and I've seen families have to choose between things they need and being in touch with a loved one. Not being able to talk to your husband, your son, or your Daddy, because you can't afford to is damaging to the family and for all of society. It's outrageous to add the punishment of exorbitantly high phone rates to a family already suffering. It is <u>taking advantage</u> of their misfortune.
494	Rachel	McCoy	40117	KY	My father has been in the Georgia DOC since 1998. The phones have horrible reception, don't work part of the time, the calls are outrageous...\$20 for 15 minutes and the billing system stays confused and hard to deal with.

495	Melissa	Myers	40206	KY	I am a single mother of three who has tried to allow my children to be able to talk to their father regularly but unfortunately since the rates in Kentucky have almost doubled since March 1, 2013 we just can't afford to talk to our love one on a regular basis.
496	Elizabeth	Sanders	41858	KY	I'm a co-dj of Hip Hop from the Hill Top/Calls From Home at WMMT in Whitesburg, KY. Every week, we record calls/shout-outs for two hours from friends and family of those who are incarcerated within our listening radius - and broadcast those calls the same night. - - - The shout-out line should not be the only means of communication with loved ones, but because of exorbitant phone rates, it often is. And, even then, it's one-sided communication. I should not be the one hearing that someone's brother died, nor should that have to be broadcasted out to the entire listening audience. - - - You, the FCC, have the power to change this and to really make a difference in the lives of those who are incarcerated and those who are trying their best to give their love and support from the outside. - - - Your website tells us that, "The commission is committed to being a responsive, efficient and effective agency..." Great. Now please follow through with that in the name of the folks most impacted - not the
497	Myra	Scott	42450	KY	
498	Jeffrey	Segal	40211	KY	
499	David	Aceves	70810	LA	
500	Paulette	Barras	70458	LA	It is sad enough that we are the most incarcerated country in the world, then you add the INSULT of placing the financial burden of staying in touch with "loved ones" on the backs of families that are bearing all of the burden ALREADY! Our government has more compassion for citizens of other countries than for those suffering here in the US because a family member is incarcerated. Our government has CREATED felons! SHAMEFUL!

501	Lou	Furman	70118	LA	I work with youth who sometimes are incarcerated. In one case, a youth called me out-of-state because of Hurricane Katrina. The bill for the 10 minute conversation was over \$100. It was not easy for me to digest. Certainly he could not have called his family to tell them he was alright after the storm
502	Trent	Garrett	70884	LA	Currently, not a single member of my immediate family is incarcerated, however, I have had the displeasure of seeing countless others suffer as a result of excessive phone charges. Abuses of this nature really cause the affected public to question the motives of the often maligned system of justice that touts its role as the defender of domestic citizens from the would-be criminals. Government sanctioned abuses are no-less criminal
503	Shana	griffin	70151	LA	
504	Sarah	Howard	70119	LA	
505	Julia	Reagin	70119	LA	
506	Johanna	Schroth	70816	LA	
507	Debra	Sheehan	70726	LA	
508	Nicholas	Slie	70119	LA	
509	Juliana	Stricklen	70125	LA	
510	Nancy	West	71112	LA	It is so hard to keep in touch with my son, my grandson's father. It is a shame the families suffer so much when they are not at fault.
511	Jessica	Wheeler	70119	LA	
512	Judith	Baker	2124	MA	
513	Anika	Ahlberg	2139	MA	
514	Donna	Austin	2043	MA	
515	Maggie	Baker	2148	MA	
516	Daniel	Belachew	2139	MA	
517	Jennie	Blodgett	2145	MA	
518	Anne	Callahan	2140	MA	
519	Marina	Colonas	2141	MA	
520	Marjorie	Crockett	2474	MA	
521	holly	curtis	1915	MA	

522	Joanna	Cutting-Brady	1826	MA	
523	Cameo	Dorais	1475	MA	
524	alice	duddy	1701	MA	
525	Bonnie	Faith	2139	MA	
526	Susan	Fendell	2144	MA	
527	Barbara	Finn	1254	MA	
528	Mary	Fusoni	2476	MA	
529	Gale	Halpern	2140	MA	
530	Joanna	Hamer	2111	MA	
531	Meghan	Hanawalt	2536	MA	
532	Richard	Hemingway	2379	MA	
533	Allan	Johannesen	1542	MA	
534	Catherine	Kennedy Riggs	1803	MA	
535	Karren	Kilian	1475	MA	Just when the phone calls seem to be getting a little bit cheaper, Global Tel decides customers have to "pre-pay" for their services (of which I have no choice as they are my only option). A 15 minute (interrupted) call costs me \$6.65 and tax of aother \$1.50, making it over \$8 per call. Before the pre pay went into affect I was paying just over \$6 per call. It's time to make inmate calls reasonable so all can afford to stay in touch with family, friends and loved ones
536	Sheila	King	2132	MA	
537	Timothy	Lee	1702	MA	
538	mary	lesko	2114	MA	
539	Jamica	Love	2126	MA	Stop punishing prisoners...they are already paying their debt to society.
540	Eileen	Martin	1254	MA	We had a family member in jail and the rates were prohibitive...how unjust is that!!
541	Carole	McAuliffe	2667	MA	
542	Lynne	McKenney Lydick	1605	MA	
543	Jennie	Murphy	1801	MA	
544	Joanne	Neale	2494	MA	
545	Margaret	O'Connor	1507	MA	

546	January	Parker	2150	MA	
547	janet	rapoza	2740	MA	
548	Donna	Reilly	2152	MA	
549	Molly	Richard	2451	MA	
550	Bonnie	Richard	2451	MA	
551	Carli	Russell	2116	MA	
552	Sybil	Schlesinger	1760	MA	
553	Sarah	Schott	2493	MA	
554	Ellen	Shannon	2169	MA	When my adult son was incarcerated in Bourne, MA, the phone rate is automatically \$4.00, and increases dramatically in increments of a few minutes. It is a double whammy-you are trying to deal with the fact that your child is incarcerated, and then you get monthly phone bills that total \$30.00 extra. It is mostly indigent people in jail for minor infractions, because they cannot afford to post bail. He has been in and won his case, but he never gets that 30 days back in his life while awaiting trial. When allowed to visit in person, the visiting hours are very limited and the jail personnel treat you as if you are the one in jail. The whole system is unfair to caregivers and mothers, mostly women, as you say, and definitely the high phone charges punish the mother, daughter or girlfriend of the one in jail. It rubs salt in the wound, as they say. Since most people have little sympathy for those who wind up in jail to await bail because they are indigent, and indigent people have little power, this abusive jail system goes
555	Ryan	Shapiro	2141	MA	
556	Michelle	Silbert	1720	MA	
557	Naomi	Sobel	2144	MA	

					The phone rates have created such a burden. Money that would be specifically utilized for caring for the family home for my loved one's return are spent to pay exorbitant phone rates to maintain daily contact. Without daily contact the thread of emotions would be worn thinner as the problems of life both on the outside and within the prison system require a constant cultivating and sharing of minds. If the phone rates were in line with commercial standard pricing, then the consistent daily phone contact with loved ones would result in stronger bonds and interactions with family ,À all of which are critical.within the prison system require a constant cultivating and sharing of minds.
558	Belinda	Souza	1880	MA	
559	Dan	Stanger	2459	MA	
560	Karen	Themelis	1850	MA	
561	Lydia	Vernon-Jones	1002	MA	
562	Anna Justine	Weick	2138	MA	
563	Patrice	Woepfel	1039	MA	
564	Althea	Zesk	1062	MA	
565	Rosie	Behr	21212	MD	
566	Judi	Bordeaux	20770	MD	
567	Ryan	Bradley	20770	MD	Corporation steal jobs, they don't make them
568	Robin	Dax	21113	MD	
569	Elizabeth	Doyle	21716	MD	
570	Carrie	Evans	21229	MD	My brother-in-law has been in jail (in Louisiana) a few times and his calls to his family, including my spouse, have been outrageous. My spouse and I have had to lend money to other family members who accepted the calls from jail because they were so expensive.
571	Kelly	Fauth	21770	MD	
572	Tierney	Grinavic	20639	MD	
573	Molly	Hauck	20895	MD	
574	Ellen	Honey	21409	MD	The prison-industrial complex does not need more profit from the abuse of the price of phone contact on prisoners and families.
575	JENNIFER	JURGENS	20814	MD	

576	Dinknesh	Kitila	20901	MD	
577	Cornelia	Kruse	21207	MD	
578	Dr K. K	Kumaroo	20906	MD	
579	James	Langworthy	20904	MD	
580	vicki	lessans	21209	MD	
581	Taina	Litwak	20878	MD	
582	Douglas	McNeill	20770	MD	
583	Todd	Miller	21230	MD	
584	Raymond	Nash	21157	MD	They don't affect me personally, my not being in jail or having anyone I know there, but the outrageous charges serves to really piss me off that people are being taken advantage for profits inj this way. Fact is people do make mistakes and may end up incarcerated, and it doesn't mean they're evil. Sorry, perhaps I should have said outraged, instead; but things like this make me want to take aim with a brick at any CEO I may come across, as they are ultimately the guilty ones in this to allow it, the brick is just to wake them the hell up not to injure them
585	Kathleen	Pape	20770	MD	Telephone restrictions should be used to prevent harm within/without the prison, not to keep inmates from maintaining their family ties. - - Family calls should be toll free
586	James	Snively	21783	MD	The FCC should do everything in its power to faciliate communication among average citizens--including incarcerated ones.
587	Rob	Soley	20770	MD	My son was in jail for a short time and we paid the - - outrageous fees for phone calls because we had enough. He got to know many that did not have the money and could not talk to their families.
588	kathleen	vick	21044	MD	
589	Sara	Wilkinson	21230	MD	
590	Cynthia	Cochran	4101	ME	

591	Suzanne	Cyr	3870	ME	I have volunteered within a New Hampshire jail work with women who have been sentenced due to charges of drug / alcohol 'offenses' due, in part, being victims of domestic violence. To meet these women and to hear their pain of being torn from their families and to understand how difficult it is to contact legal assistance or to communicate with loved ones due to high phone charges only adds to their sense of hopelessness. Please reconsider the high phone charges for inmates; those behind bars are not always 'hard-core' criminals but women who fell in love with the wrong person. Thank you for your consideration. Suz
592	Helen	Regan	4079	ME	Strong relationships with family give a prisoner hope and motivation. Fostering relationships through affordable phone contact can help reduce recidivism, and that 's in everybody's interest.
593	veda	balla	48507	MI	
594	Nancy	Bitzarakis	48223	MI	
595	Alexandra	Black	49424	MI	
596	MAUREEN	BOWLING	48135	MI	
597	Denise	Brennan	48326	MI	
598	Emily	Briggs	48103	MI	When my boyfriend was incarcerated, I paid nearly \$10.00 per 15-minute phone call. There was no question of him not calling - it was the only thing that got each of us through the day. I took on a second job just to pay the phone bill. The high cost of these phone calls effectively function as a tax on those of us left behind, whom the prison industrial complex has deemed guilty by association simply because we wish to stay in contact with our loved ones
599	Sharon	Bullock	48237	MI	
600	justine	bykowski	48176	MI	
601	Adrienne	Camero-Sulak	48176	MI	
602	Jean Ann	Campana	48162	MI	
603	Joan	Chesler	48105	MI	
604	Ashley	Choker	49097	MI	
605	Peggy S.	Collins	48075	MI	

606	Jennifer	Crispin	48906	MI	
					<p>I am addressing this to Secretary Dortch: Since May of 2012 I have been communicating with a loved one incarcerated in the Mich. Dept. of Corr. and trying to afford and complete a conversation with him has been a nightmare! The cost is way too expensive. I now work a part-time, minimum wage job and cannot afford to talk to him nearly as much as I was able to when i had a full-time job. I am stuck having to decide between another gallon of gas or a 1-phonecall, or as is the case lately; bus fare instead of a phonecall. And oftentimes, when we are on the phone, the call would drop! It's happened four times in a row on more than one occasion! Where we should be able to spend what little time we have on the phone, catching-up on meaningful things, we end up frustrated that our calls keep getting disconnected. Even when he called me collect we were disconnected before. And they charged me .22 cents for each dropped-call and in order to get my money back I had to call and dispute the charges and Wait for them to process the dispute and return the money to our account. And even during the waiting process, we experienced more dropped calls, which meant more money on my end, calling THEM to complain because my cell phone is a cost per minute phone during the daytime! - - Speaking on the collect-call set-up: He tried calling me collect one day, and thought I was refusing his calls, only to find out that MDOC puts a block on the phone after you reach \$50 in collect calls. But you dont find this out until AFTER the fact! And in order to remove the block you have to (1) Wait 30 days. (2) Pay your phone bill off. (3) Call PCS and allow them to set-up a conference call with your phone provider so they can confirm that you have paid your bill AND that you've been current for the past month. (4) They will Then, process a "ticket" to have the block removed from your phone! - - There have been times when he's tried to call collect,</p>
607	Chana	Daili	48221	MI	

608	Doug	Dante	48201	MI	Some of these people are in de facto debtor's prison, or are in prison because they're victims of illicit or criminal activities at Title IV-D "agencies". - - http://www.scribd.com/doc/36189997/Evidence-of-Imprisonment-for-Debt-in-Michigan - - http://www.scribd.com/doc/57079006/Some-Evidence-of-Illicit-and-Potentially-Criminal-Behavior-at-the-Michigan-Friend-of-the-Court
609	Pam	DeVaney	49201	MI	I spend \$400-\$500 per month to communicate with my fiance'. I am not expecting you to know this however a Bipolar Disorder & PTSD man NEEDS all the love/support/communication he can get. Sometimes a letter/email is not fast enough. I have been told I pay diff. amounts so I cannot answer your question. It's absolutely inhumane to keep a man of such severe mental illness from his family-high rates/fees directly effect and contribute to this cruelty.
610	JK	Galway	48332	MI	
611	sandra	gulian	48069	MI	My nephew has been out for several years now, but I remember how expensive his collect calls were.
612	Richard	Han	48103	MI	
613	Todd	Hanson	48198	MI	My family is only able to have very limited contact with my brother because of the ridiculously high phone charges to talk to him
614	Daisy	Henley	48386	MI	
615	Carol	Hogan	48089	MI	
616	Dan	Ingall	48849	MI	
617	Gloria	Jackson	48197	MI	Prisoner get punished for three way calling, because they don't have enough money, but so badly want to hear a voice, system once again setting them up for failure.
618	Jeremy	Kaplan	48322	MI	
619	Kathy	Karaba	49015	MI	I had a loved one in prison about 10 years ago and my bills were criminal. It was a nightmare and then if you got behind, they'd cut you off and harass you with "reminder" calls. The "thieves" from the phone company need to be jailed for corruption.
620	Raymond	Keeling	48381	MI	

621	Mary	Lebert	48116	MI	I'm sick and tired of corporations taking over the prisons (and everything else). Say NO to privatization of public services.
622	patricia	lee	48823	MI	
623	Monica	Legg	49756	MI	If I counted all the money I have been ripped off by these phone companies it would be many thousands of dollars. Something must be done about this blatant scam.
624	Patricia L.	Lent	48067	MI	
625	Lindsay	Maas	48221	MI	
626	Leslie	Malcolmson	48201	MI	
627	Valerie	Maltese	48044	MI	Family and friends who offer support are important to the overall well-being of those incarcerated. It help our loved ones to keep "their eye on the ball" and with telephone communication, gives them a picture of what they are working (waiting) to achieve, freedom. Let give those incarcerated, tools to help them remember what they are working toward.
628	Martin and Sh	McGladdery	48331	MI	
629	Mary Jane	McIntee	48642	MI	
630	Maryann	McLemore	48519	MI	These high fees remind me of republicans-----taking from the poor.
631	Mary-Ellen	Miller	48130	MI	
632	Susan	Schultz	48178	MI	
633	Elizabeth	Singleton	49442	MI	I have had relatives in prison and the impact that alone has on families is already devastating enough. To add to the costs is just more unneeded strain.
634	Joan	Sitomer	48197	MI	
635	Julie	Skelton	48111	MI	
636	Anna	Sluka	49444	MI	
637	Barbara	Toshalis	49333	MI	
638	Vicki	Wiltse	48618	MI	It's been awhile, but I have paid the exorbitantly high phone rates of collect phone calls from a prison. It makes it difficult to have significant conversations with and provide ministry to those in prison.
639	Taylor	Wondergem	49504	MI	

640	Neriaida	Acevedo	55116	MN	Dear FCC, - - - FACTS: - - Before time we didnot have no source of communication, no phones, electricity etc; which of course was acceptable the begining of Time. But not in this LIFE-TIME when we have the resources and capablities and we are the United States Rights,Freedom,Fairness, Justice . Regardless of peoples backgrounds, choses etc; - - To have a system that is based on LOAN SHARKING TACTICS is unprehensivable. - - Yes, things in Life is not Free but, it should be based on peoples ability to pay, cost effective a balance. I don't mind paying for a phone call. I do mind paying excessive fees that makes it a harship, and making a choice to take that call.And not have the enough money to Take the Call and then the call is interrupted Please, deposit an additional \$1 or more for a minute and additional charge applies of \$15 per minutes. - - - The impact this does to Family, Inmate it's not only UNFAIR!. It's Unjustifiable. - - Outcome of change to TAKE ACTION! - - Happy Family, Happy Inmate - Productive Inmate-In all Areas - Prison System will have support for a beter Conducive Environment for ALL!. - - We don't choose our families all we can do is Support Them. - - - TAKE ACTION! PRISON
641	Dianne	Aisenbrey	55066	MN	As a former Probation Officer, I know it is essential that family connections be maintained when a person is incarcerated. It can make the difference upon release of success adjustment or failure.
642	Claire	Bergren	55405	MN	
643	Jim	Blaha	55057	MN	Being cut off from significant relationships is a particular punishment unto itself. Where can reconciliation begin if not with a phone call, an affordable phone call!
644	Bridget	Borer	55388	MN	Families, especially children, should not have to pay a cost to talk to their Mom or Dad in prison. The extreme cost of interstate phone calls from prisoners is criminal.

					A college student should not have to decide whether to eat or send money to her father so he can contact her. The letters I send to the federal facility that my father is housed always tends to get lost in the system. Phone call is our only communication. Phone calls are what keep inmates sane. Phone calls are what keep families at peace. Phone calls should be a right not a privilege. \$100 a month should not be the cost of an occasional "I love you" or "Are you okay" to my father. A third of my part-time salary goes to sending money for phone calls. It has impacted important messages we want to give to my father. It impacts the reentry success of inmates. Inmates who have verbal communication with someone outside of the facility are more likely to integrate in the free world than those who do not have the access to phone calls. There should be a individualized rate especially for inmates who are serving longer sentences. If an inmate is serving more than 10 years the price should be lower versus an inmate who is serving 2 years. I believe the cost of phone calls is vicious capitalism. It's nearly corporate
645	Anika	Bowie	55104	MN	
646	Sharon	Burt	55379	MN	
647	Margaret	Campbell	55102	MN	
648	James	Campbell	55101	MN	
649	Nan	Corliss	55437	MN	Once again we have big business
650	Thomas	Dooley	55104	MN	I don't know the details but my daughter was getting calls from a prisoner and the cost was outrageous!
651	Dr. William 'S	Dykoski	55112	MN	
652	Emily	Goenner	55319	MN	
653	Brenda	Greig	55317	MN	The rates are outrageous. We pay almost \$8 per call. If the goal is to rehabilitate or even reduce recidivism, this is a huge step backward. When families can't stay close, people move on and those losses are experienced by the individual as well as the community. Please stop this. It is hard enough to have a loved one in prison. There is no reason to pay exorbitant telephone fees.
654	Susan	Jordan	55422	MN	

655	Ann	Juergens	55108	MN	There is no prison in the Twin Cities, so the families in my community who are trying to maintain connections with a mother or father, sister or brother in prison use the telephone. The high prices set on interstate phone rates means that those ties are harder to keep up. This hurts our entire community, for most of those in prison are released eventually. Prisoners should not be a source of inequitable profits.
656	Emily	Krumberger	55407	MN	This is ridiculous. All people should have access to affordable phones to talk to their families. If prisoners aren't able to talk with their families while serving their time, they will loose their humanity and connection to the outside world, hindering their success with thriving in the community after they get released. This must be changed!
657	Emily	Krumberger	55407	MN	How can you expect imprisoned people to acclimate back into and contribute to society when socializing with their family during their term is made so difficult? These high phone rates are a detriment to a connected family.
658	Andrea	Kuenning	55407	MN	
659	Irna	Landrum	55407	MN	It is cruel to make it cost-prohibitive for an incarcerated person to connect to family. I'm not interested in a criminal justice system that operates to break people's spirits.
660	Jonathan	Lien	55359	MN	
661	Joan	Little	55105	MN	My neighbor's son was incarcerated in another state for ten years. She told me that it was difficult to stay in touch with her son, but she did talk to him occsionally. After learning about the high rates for interstate phone use I understand why their communication was so infrequent. Please use your authority to regulate and set fair market value rates on interstate prison phone services. If the goal of incarceration is rehabilitation then it is necessary for families like my neighbor's to stay in touch. Policies that penalize families who are not affluent with phone rates that are well above, 100's of times market value, is not serving society or the individuals we are trying to rehabilitate. I thank the leaders who have made me aware of this situation and hope that you have the power and will to change this policy.

662	Teresa	Lynch	55104	MN	<p>I correspond and speak on the phone regularly to a prisoner on Death Row in Ohio. I pay a monthly fee--\$9 to keep a local phone number--an exchange in Chillicothe, where the prison is located--besides having to pay for my own home phone line. I also deposit phone commissary funds through Global Tel Link, which does not charge an extra fee above and beyond the charge--but that must be paid on-line with a credit card. I needed to register my home phone number by sending a utility bill for proof of identity. Each 15 minute call is either \$2 or \$3 depending on the time of day and distance of call. Now, that's a lot of hoops to jump through, a lot of cash to pay, and it puts my identity on the line, which a lot of family members would prefer not to do, depending on the crime that the inmate has been charged with. I make \$30K a year, and I consider this a big expense, along with the cost of postage, travel to visit, and help with commissary funds which the inmate has to pay for toilet paper and other necessities. Why does the phone have</p>
663	Teresa	Lynch	55104	MN	<p>I forgot to mention that calls get "dropped" occasionally. I tried to call Global Tel Link to try to get a refund, and to wait on the phone to speak to someone was not worth precious time--which as we all know--is worth some hard earned money.</p>

					<p>My family is directly affected by this issue. There is no telling how much money my family has spent on this unjust and corporate scheme of punishment. The cost to both inmates and families goes beyond the dollar. Phone contact is often the only way some families maintain contact with their loved ones who are incarcerated. Have you ever tried to explain to a child that their parent loves them and wants to hear what they have to say but can only have 15 minutes and when time is up it simply ends? Have you ever tried to explain to a child that mommy or daddy still loves them when they cry because they sometimes cannot receive a call back because of the costs of phone calls? HAVE YOU?? WILL YOU EVER HAVE TO? The profit from such policies or lack thereof is outrageous and surely immoral and fueled by corporate greed. It's all about money. You would like to have people believe that this is some sort of punitive form of accountability for "criminals" not human beings who need to pay their debt to society, when in reality it's simply about money and INTERESTS; interestes of people completed disconnected from the experiences of working class and strugllin everyday people. People who they are asking to pay for what should be considered a fundamental right, to connect with and share with those you love. - - - I ask you again, are you in touch with your own human capacity beyond what you can touch and spend? Beyond what you can manipulate and control? Why don't they put one of you on the show Undercover Boss so you can see what's really good. INTERESTS. Corporate greed and disconnect. But do you know everything you do is seen and heard? - - - Do what is reasonable and just. Do what you would want to be done to you. Don't ignore what is right when you know. Be courageous. Be iust. Do your best.</p>
664	Shelley	Martin	55412	MN	
665	Harriet	McCleary	55404	MN	

666	Lynda	McDonnell	55409	MN	How unjust and counterproductive to charge high phone rates for prisoners whose families already suffer from their absence. Most of these people will return to society someday; they are far more likely to make successful reentries if they are connected to their families and communities while in prison. Children also need this continuing connection. Affordable phone calls would encourage this.
667	ora	mcgruder	55112	MN	i have a son thaqt has been in prison for over 11 years and i have had to pay an enumberous rate to talk to my son it is over 5.00 per call for less than 15 min.
668	Elizabeth	Merz	56537	MN	
669	Jacklyn	Milton	55104	MN	
670	Salvador	Miranda	55406	MN	Family and community are critical for re-entry. Invest in these families and communities - open and affordable communication between inmates their family and community is in our interest - Do the right thing.
671	Danielle	Mkali	55406	MN	The high rates of prison phone calls have disconnected us from our brothers and dear friends at the time when we needed each other the most. Too much time would pass and relationships would become damaged beyond repair. Despite our family and friends often times our relationships are not ever the same because we simply could not afford to talk to them regularly. Our families and dear friends should not bear this undue burden of outrageous costs that breaks us apart
672	Maureen	Nalezny	55424	MN	I have no personal story. I can only say that I think causing families still more anguish and frustration in an already terrible situation is cruel and unusual, and completely misplaced. I can't believe these disparities exist, and I'm grateful to know about it.
673	Sherri	Nichols	55123	MN	
674	steve	olson	56531	MN	
675	Jude	Ortiz	55404	MN	
676	Michelle	Parsneau	56001	MN	
677	Lisa	Quinn-Lee	55105	MN	
678	Gayathri	Ramanathan	55401	MN	

679	Niel	Ritchie	55410	MN	
680	Reies	Romero	55102	MN	
681	Judith	Rosenblatt	55113	MN	
682	Jill	Sauber	55024	MN	
683	Patricia	Schoenberger	55344	MN	
684	Bill	Sorem	55345	MN	
685	Catherine	Squires	55104	MN	While I have no relatives incarcerated, it makes me ill thinking of the usurious rates charged to these families who cannot afford to see their relatives in person. It is making money off the most vulnerable, and it is despicable.
686	Kalyn	Stanley	55344	MN	My dad is currently in prison. The phone rates have made it much more difficult for us to keep in contact. One minute on the phone costs what he earns in three hours. I need to send my dad money to stay in contact with him. The cost of email is even higher. It is putting a tremendous stress on our entire family. monetarily and emotionally.
687	pablo	tapia	55014	MN	It is anti american to rip people apart once they down please lower rates so people with no income or low income can connect with their loves ones and continue a building the road to a productive society families dont have to victimized more. Thank you.
688	William	Thomas	55408	MN	
689	Kat	Vann	55406	MN	Prisoners, families, communities -- no one benefits when prison phone rates are so high they limit communication. It's time to make prison phone calls affordable and re-entry successful.
690	Barbara	Wang	56540	MN	
691	Dr.	Waziyatawin	56241	MN	
692	Bruce	Williams	56359	MN	
693	Donald	Adams	64106	MO	
694	Monica	Barron	63501	MO	

695	Nancy	Bixler	64865	MO	My son has been in county jail which is the worst when it comes to charging outrageous rates and all it does is create hardship on the families when they have to pay extortionist rates. Most of the families I have run across in prison are probably using money that would be better put to use feeding their families. The ones doing this are getting rich off the misery of others and I find that to be totally unaccepttable.
696	Ann	Canale	63301	MO	
697	Evelyn	Case	64134	MO	Greed. We want to stay in touch with our loved once and you want to make a profit from us. If this was your issue you would be as outraged as us. freebyroncase.com Falsely accused, wrongfully convicted, simple as that.
698	Lucile	Church	64151	MO	
699	Don	Crozier	63366	MO	
700	Christine	Garhart	63121	MO	Exorbitant rates are punishing the families of prisoners.
701	Gayla	Hoffman	63108	MO	There is no reason for exorbitant rates. Greedy telecoms have been gouging prisoners and their families for decades. It's time that this practice was stopped.
702	JoAnn	Hughes	63017	MO	
703	Susan	Kidder	63139	MO	
704	William	Maxwell	63382	MO	
705	PATRICIA	MCHUGH	63130	MO	
706	jocelyn	morris	65473	MO	
707	Dave	Mount	63112	MO	
708	Tricia	Price	65203	MO	
709	Judith	Rinesmith	63376	MO	
710	Ann	Ross	63011	MO	Fair is fair. These families suffer enough when a loved one has gone out of bounds. If they can keep family bonds, so much the better for society.
711	Susan	Scholl	64113	MO	
712	Dale	Shotts	64138	MO	Rates for prison phone calls should be no more than regular rates for collect calls.
713	Viana	Stilwell	63935	MO	
714	Catherine	Tierney	63108	MO	

715	Lanna	Ultican	64015	MO	
716	Wayne	Wilkinson	63116	MO	
717	Metric	Clay	39759	MS	
718	diane	cox	38632	MS	THE HIGH COST OF PRISON CALLS HAVE MADE A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON ME TO TALK TO MY HUSBAND WHO IS IN PRISON. IT COST 8.00 FOR 20 MINS. I AM ALSO CHARGED A FEE JUST FOR ADDING FUNDS TO THE ACCOUNT. IE. 25.00 ADDED. I GET 20.00 WORTH OF TALK TIME. 50.00 ONLY 40.00. I AM A PRISON WIFE. I BELONG TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO SUFFER DUE TO PRICE GAUGING AND MONOPOLY OF A BUSINESS. DISCRIMANATION AT ITS BEST. GRAND KIDS CANNOT TALK TO MY HUSBAND. THEIR PAWPAW. I FEEL ISOLATED AND LIKE I COMMITTED THE CRIME. I JUST HAPPEN TO LOVE AN INMATE. THANK YOU
719	Joel	Goss	39401	MS	
720	belinder	hymes	39666	MS	Families should not have to sacrafice basi necessarties to have phone contact with their love ones who are incacerated. This service is absolutely unafforordable. Neither should they have to pay for phone service where the connection is so bad that no party could hear one or the other. "Total Rip Off"

					<p>Yesterday, February 14th, I calculated the cost of phone calls for my son. There is a connection charge for each call. The first minute and connection charge total \$2.32. If you get disconnected or time out during a conversation and your loved one calls back you automatically are charged the \$2.32 again for the first minute and connection fee. - - - The calculations for some February calls are as follows: (Calls with the exact same minutes and charge were not included.) - - 17 minute call (\$6.72)- \$0.40 per minute - - 7 minute call (\$4.18)- \$0.60 per minute - - 2 minute call (\$2.92)- \$1.46 per minute - - 20 minute call (\$7.48)- \$0.37 per minute - - 9 minute call (\$4.70)- \$0.52 per minute - - 5 minute call (\$3.68)- \$0.74 per minute - - 13 minute call (\$5.71)- \$0.44 per minute - - 19 minute call (\$7.22)- \$0.38 per minute - - - You must pay either \$25.00 or \$50.00 for the advanced pay system on Global Tel Link. Out of the \$25.00 I pay there is a \$4.75 processing fee. It's ridiculous that we are having to pay the high per minute charge we do but even worse that we pay \$2.32 for every first minute because of a connection fee on top of the \$4.75 processing fee. - - - I truly hope you at the FCC does</p>
721	Cathy	Mote	39046	MS	
722	Kathleen	Murphy	39563	MS	
723	Tanya	Newkirk	39206	MS	
724	tracy	park	39180	MS	The high rates mean I can only afford to talk to my brother once or twice a month and his children rarely get to talk to him. I pay \$50 and they deduct almost \$9 in fees; each 15 minute call cost around \$7.50
725	Faye	Pearson	39747	MS	
726	Susie	Sheppard	39232	MS	I use Global Tel-Link prepay service for every 25.00 I add to it Global takes 4.95 off the top that leaves enough left for two and one half actual phone calls as each 20 min call cost about 8.00 this is extremely hard to pay my Grandsons love to talk to their Dad and it is vital to their relationship in the future to stay in contact not just for him but for them.
727	Tracy S	Troth	39208	MS	
728	juliette	vos	39564	MS	

729	Misty	Blodgett	59802	MT	I have had a couple of people in prison the past few years, it has been hard to maintain contact, get business taken care of, and provide a stable environment for them to come home to when you get charged \$14.00 for a ten minute or less phone call :(I can only imagine what happens to other people :(
730	Lita	Pepion	59101	MT	Hello. My son currently sits in prison in Montana for a crime he didn't commit. As you are probably aware, a majority of prisoners are low income - and once they are arrested they are NO income yet prison telephone rates are so high that, at one time when my son was recently transferred I paid \$29 for a 15 minute call (included "taxes and fees"). No only is it cruel and unusual punishment, these fees set already poor people deeper and deeper in to the hole so, in addition to dealing with a justus system that serves only the wealthy, paying them, paying each corrections facility, supporting children without a parent, not getting support because the other parent is in a hole 23 hours a day, now we have to pay higher rates than anybody? It's just wrong, wrong all the way around.
731	catherine	price	59802	MT	
732	Jennifer	Ryan	59870	MT	
733	Judith	TreeCrone	59870	MT	
734	Sara	Biggers	27516	NC	
735	Kicab	Castaneda-Mendez	27517	NC	
736	Mollie	Davis	28211	NC	
737	Anita	Earls	27713	NC	This is exploitation of people who can least afford it and most need it -- communication with their loved ones.
738	joy	eller	28697	NC	
739	Constance	Engle	28739	NC	
740	Denise	Finck-Rothman M.D.	28226	NC	
741	Regina	George	28803	NC	
742	Thomas	Grant	27282	NC	
743	John	Herron	28234	NC	
744	Sylvie	Horvath	28803	NC	

745	Irma	Howarth	28806	NC	
746	Shelton	Jenkins	28561	NC	
747	Cynthia	Justice	28803	NC	Anyway at all that family ties can be preserved, strengthened will be to the good.
748	Deborah	Kendrick	27455	NC	I am disabled and living only on the small monthly stipend received from SSDI. A short 15 minute phone call costs me over \$10 which allows me to speak to my loved one a minimal number of times per month. I understand that these companies want to make money on this but the amount they make - and the money the correctional facility makes on each phone call creates a big hardship on me(not only financially bur emotionally as well) and makes it nearly impossible for us to communicate regularly. How much of anything substancial can be discussed in a short 15 minute call once a month?
749	Nancy	Long	27526	NC	Making it more difficult for prisoners to be in touch with family can effect the future prison population. Family contact, particularly between mothers and children leaves these children more prone to be delinquent in their later years as well as not allowing mothers to give the support these young people need to stav in school and do well.
750	madelaine	makarow	28083	NC	I dislike intensely this sort of taking advantage of people enmeshed in terrible situations. Responsible business should set the bar higher for fair and just pricing, and show some accountability for their charges.
751	Senseney	Marshall	27607	NC	
752	Janice	McMurry	28759	NC	
753	Roberta Sbro	McMurtrey	28594	NC	
754	Eshraka	Mishrike	28209	NC	It's very hard for us to make the 6 hours trip to see our friend in Prison but if he can call more cheaply it will help us and him greatly and maybe help his moral.
755	Blessing	Okeiyi	27516	NC	
756	Gabrielle	Panepinto	28278	NC	
757	Gail	Safrit	27403	NC	

758	Frances	Syptak	28601	NC	I gave up my land line and bundled my phone with TV and Internet at Charter cable because I could not afford the rates. But then I have the luxury of choice while the prisoners do not. Please correct this situation immediately.
759	Sally	Thomas	28209	NC	
760	Lisa	Wheeler	28080	NC	the phone account was a major portion of my budget. Because the state of NC has a contract with only one phone company the rates they charge is inflammatory. Especially if they deem your home number a toll call instead of a local call, when they decide that they charge you long distance rates even though your family member is 10 miles up the road!! Charging \$7 for 15 minutes is ridiculous and purposefully price gauging the families who are trying to keep contact with their loved ones!! how are you expecting inmates to keep focused on positive goals if their families have to sacrifice food & rent money in order to keep the phone account on?? The silence of having to turn off the phone account does just as much damage to the families as it does to the inmates.
761	KC	Williams	28540	NC	These unfair rules have made it difficult on my retired, elderly parents and their ability to communicate with my brother, who 15 years ago was the victim of the 3 strikes rule. Recently, they were charged \$75 for a 3 minute call!! Ridiculous and criminal...
762	Liz	Legerski	58201	ND	This rates add to the burden of already disadvantaged families. These higher rates take advantage of a population that has no other options. It's just not right.
763	Margaret	Potter	58104	ND	
764	Rebecca	Dean	68502	NE	I work with inmates at my job. I don't think it's right that they and their families should have to pay such high rates. It's unnecessarily burdensome for many families who often don't have many discretionary resources anyway.
765	Ruth	Kruse	68104	NE	
766	Mindy	Liebelt	68506	NE	
767	nasreen	maiwandi	68116	NE	

768	Cris	Riddle Shreve	68114	NE	
769	Judith	Sandeen	68901	NE	
770	Patricia	Tetreault	68505	NE	Charging prisoners exorbitant rates for communication outside the prison is unconscionable. The current trend to privatize everything for the profit of corporations is not the business or responsibility of the government while it is the responsibility to protect citizens including those who are incarcerated.
771	Martha	Copithorne	3814	NH	
772	Anne	Emerson	3224	NH	
773	Kellie	Smith	3244	NH	
774	April	Walker	3048	NH	
775	Alan	AKins	7424	NJ	
776	Chad	Anderson	7869	NJ	
777	Maria	Bartlett	7753	NJ	
778	Donna	Bassano	8360	NJ	
779	tom	brown	8734	NJ	
780	s	Coen	7208	NJ	
781	Michela	Colosimo	8054	NJ	
782	Susanne	DeMarco	7013	NJ	Families need to communicate. Please make this possible.
783	Dawn	DeSimone	8054	NJ	
784	ann	despont	7945	NJ	
785	Kathryn	Ford	7086	NJ	
786	Ines	Garcia-Keim	7030	NJ	
787	Tzvetelina	Garneva	7090	NJ	
788	Alan	Gross	8873	NJ	

					This practice is unconscionable and disgusting. - - Clearly SOMEONE needs to be taking a closer look at prison policies and procedures. I once drove an acquaintance to a federal prison several hours away so she could visit an inmate (not someone I knew). When we arrived, she was not allowed to visit him because he had already been out of his cell that day to go to sick bay and prisoners are not allowed to leave their cells more than once a day. The would-be visitor was a very kind woman who works with handicapped adults -- low salary, no car. - - I shudder to think how much worse prisoners are being treated now that there are so many for-profit prisons.
789	Adalyn	Hixson	7024	NJ	
790	Carla	Huelssenbeck	7840	NJ	
791	Lynn	Jenkins	7480	NJ	
792	Karolyn	Johnson	8360	NJ	
793	Ellen	Kovac	7208	NJ	Communication between incarcerated individuals and their families should be encouraged in every possible way.
794	Kimberly	Krone	7960	NJ	
795	Marilyn	Kulik	7052	NJ	
796	Sharon	Lautner	8758	NJ	
797	Michelle	Lerner	7836	NJ	
798	Renee	Lerner	7632	NJ	
799	Pamela	Lynn	7438	NJ	
800	Denise	Lytle	8863	NJ	
801	Nick	Mantas	7676	NJ	
802	Ellen	Mendelsohn	7646	NJ	
803	Collin	Minert	7042	NJ	

804	Alix	N	7102	NJ	What I don't understand is the fact that Counties will only contract with companies that pay the highest commission. So it is not so much the cost of providing phone service that makes the cost so high, it is the Counties getting high commissions and budgeting it every year. And who is paying this? The detainee and inmate,Âs families are paying the price. Why making money on those members of our communities who are already the most vulnerable? I urge FCC to take action and eliminate these irrational commissions so that these families can stay connected with their incarcerated love ones. This connection provides all the support and prepares them when they return home. This is beneficial to all of us.
805	elmo	patrick	8562	NJ	Stop discriminatory high phone rates. Only the FCC can make a change. It is the right thing to do.
806	Debra	Patsel	7460	NJ	
807	Letitia O	Principato	8003	NJ	
808	Enid	Rosenblatt	8057	NJ	
809	Kay	Sassani	8033	NJ	Families of inmates should not be punished with high price rates to phone their loved ones.
810	Naomi	Scher	8034	NJ	It is very important for children to know that their parents in prison still care about them. High phone rates make it difficult for parents to reassure them.
811	Matthew	Shapiro	7024	NJ	
812	Bonnie	Shapiro	7024	NJ	
813	Maureen	Sheehan	7930	NJ	
814	IL	Sheehan	7840	NJ	Years ago I received collect calls in CT from my child incarcerated in the correction department of CA. The calls cost \$50 each. Our very short calls were full of interruptions by their automated system telling us we may be recorded. This was a bad time and we should have had the chance to really communicate at a reasonable rate.

815	IL	Sheehan	7840	NJ	Years ago I received collect calls in CT from my child incarcerated in the correction department of CA. The calls cost \$50 each. Our very short calls were full of interruptions by their automated system telling us we may be recorded. This was a very bad time and we should have had the chance to really communicate at reasonable rates.
816	Mary Rita	Sheldon	8107	NJ	
817	Larry	Siegel	8536	NJ	
818	Jo	Sippie-Gora	7405	NJ	
819	Andrew	Skurna	7834	NJ	As the leader of a non-profit support group, I have been receiving requests for assistance from incarcerated individuals. The policies and practices of inmate communications makes it virtually impossible for outsiders to help rehabilitate or support those on the inside, which can only lead to continued failure of our prison system and our ever-growing recidivism rates.
820	karen	spindel	7012	NJ	
821	Samhitha	Sreenivasan	8536	NJ	
822	MARGARITA	STRAND	7950	NJ	
823	Kathleen	Taggart	7950	NJ	
824	Jessica	Tatton	8901	NJ	
825	Albert	Venutolo	7004	NJ	
826	Christopher F	Vota	8060	NJ	I have nobody in prison who needs my voice, but I hope this message advocates for others, especially those wrongly convicted (and there are plenty). However, recognizing there are dangerous people who are incarcerated, I would hope all phone calls are monitored/analyzed/ adjudicated(sometimes) for criminal activity/conspiracy behind the walls, but with the cost entirely paid-for by taxpayers. That way, we'd want to spend less money needlessly trucking less-dangerous folk hundreds of miles when an ankle-bracelet would suffice!
827	Susan	Waldman	7869	NJ	
828	Donna	Walters	7724	NJ	

829	David	Way	8859	NJ	
830	Kimi	Wei	7410	NJ	I have not been directly impacted by usurious prison telephone rates, but am a member of communities which are deeply affected. It is enough that the fathers, sons and even mothers of some family members are absent from their homes, children and mothers. They cannot help to care for their families. High prison telephone rates mean that families are denied even the comfort of speaking often with loved family members whose voices and counsel they long to hear. Please stop this torture and require that prison phone call rates be available at the same low costs enjoyed all over the country outside of prison.
831	Ellen J	White	8904	NJ	
832	Meredith Sue	Willis	7079	NJ	
833	yarrow	willman-cole	7032	NJ	
834	ellen	yeagle	8648	NJ	
835	Ralph	Zelman	8520	NJ	
836	V	Alexander	87107	NM	
837	Roger	Allbritten	87110	NM	
838	Sharon	Barr	88061	NM	
839	Jessica	Collins	87109	NM	
840	B. Thomas	Diener	87123	NM	
841	Tanya	Gonzales	87110	NM	
842	William	Kimbrough	87110	NM	
843	Denise	Lang	88337	NM	New Mexico won't allow families of prisoners to be cheated like this, but when my son was in jail in Texas, we paid \$15 or \$18 for 3 minutes. My daughter works for the Sheriff's Dept in Texas & opposes these high phone costs.
844	ilene	leslie	87501	NM	
845	Robin	Merlo	87506	NM	
846	Lesley	Mortimer	87124	NM	
847	Sandra	Needham	87105	NM	
848	Andrea	Quijada	87108	NM	

849	Geri	Rhodes	87060	NM	When I got a collect call from an inmate while I was still teaching at the prison, of course I said yes but then was shocked at the cost.
850	Ryan	Ross	87532	NM	I believe that the connection of an inmate with his family will make rehabilitation more likely and ease the burden of separation for his/her family.
851	Karen	Schmiede	87106	NM	
852	Susan	Selbin	87104	NM	
853	Judith	Shipsky	87122	NM	
854	Janis	Thompson	88012	NM	
855	Ms. Stacey A.	Ward, Esq.	87031	NM	
856	Brizeida	Amador Castillo	89706	NV	
857	Dionne	Bloomfield	89519	NV	
858	ALMA LUZ	CASTILLO	89704	NV	NORTHERN NEVADA CORRECTIONAL CENTER, in Carson City, NV raised our calling rates horrificly!!!! Before February 1st, 2013, calls were only \$2 per call and now they are \$5 per call!!! - - Inmate Calling Solutions informed the public that it wasn't their decision, NNCC made this horrible decision. Also, IC Solutions OLY gets the processing fee!!!! NNCC keeps 100% of the \$5 per call. NNCC is using our family time and desperate need to speak with our loved ones for their monetary benefit and as their own personal retirement fund!!!! Their hourly salaries are already coming out of our taxes, what more do they want?!?!?!?! - - Prisoners who maintain contact with their families are more successful in staying out of prison after they are released!!!! - - WE NEED JUSTICE!!! - - PLEASE HELP US LOWER CALLING RATES IN CARSON CITY, NV!!!!
859	Alejandra	Castillo	89431	NV	I used to pay \$50 for 25 calls! Now NORTHERN NEVADA CORRECTIONAL CENTER, in Carson City, NV decided to enforce Inmate Calling Solutions to charge us (tax payers) \$50 for only 10 calls!!! - - - I NEED TO TALK TO MY LOVED ONE AS MUCH AS HE NEEDS ME!!! - - - This greediness is an exaggeration, inhumane, cruel and ridiculous behavior!!! I am very disappointed!!! - - - Please Advise and Thank You For Your Time - - - - Respectfully - - - - Alejandra Castillo

860	Linda	Cohen	89109	NV	
861	John	Dalla	89121	NV	
					I am a single working mother now that my husband has been incarcerated and have only my income to now pay all of the bills as well as provide food for myself and my son. It's hard enough to support a family on a single income and I make too much money to qualify for any type of assistance which is fine but hard. So, now that the cost of a telephone call has gone up \$2 per call it is damn near impossible to come up with extra money to talk to my husband. I get that it is a privilege for them to even get however, we the family members didn't commit any crime so why should we be overcharged and punished as well? I live local to the prison where my husband and my son are both currently incarcerated at and I pay the same amount as someone who isn't living locally. The prisons are completely abusing the phone system to rip off tax paying citizens who are unfortunate enough to
862	Erica	Dennis	89502	NV	
863	Thomas and	Esposito	89434	NV	
864	diane	hart	89109	NV	this amounts to discriminatory practice.
					I used to pay \$50 for 25 calls! Now NORTHERN NEVADA CORRECTIONAL CENTER, in Carson City, NV decided to enforce Inmate Calling Solutions to charge us (tax payers) \$50 for only 10 calls!!! - - I DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE MY HUSBAND VERY OFTEN, SO I ALWAYS SAVED MY CHECK TO TALK TO HIM. GIVE HIM COURAGE TO SURVIVE ANOTHER, GIVE HIM UPDATES OF HIS FAMILY AND OVERALL WITH MY LOVE MOTIVATE HIM AND LET HIM KNOW THAT WE LOVE HIM VERY MUCH!!! WE USED TO TALK 2-3 TIMES PER DAY, NOW WE CAN ONLY TALK FOR 15 MINUTES EVERY OTHER DAY!!! - - This greediness is an EXAGGERATION, INHUMANE, CRUEL and RIDICULOUS behavior!!! I am very disappointed!!! Respectfully,
865	Paula	Lopez	89431	NV	
866	Naomi	Millisor	89120	NV	
867	Weintana	Abraha	11206	NY	
868	Marina	Adams	10003	NY	
869	Louis	Albano	11215	NY	

870	Barbara	Allan	11722	NY	
871	Gabriela	Amari	11218	NY	
872	Sarah	Apfel	10003	NY	
873	Ellen	Asprooth	14609	NY	
874	Priscilla	Balch	11230	NY	Families of those in prison have a right to communicate with their loved one without going broke.
875	Donna	Barkman	10562	NY	
876	Amy	Bavosa	11937	NY	
877	Michael V L	Bennett	10804	NY	
878	JoEllen	Berryman	10003	NY	The phone rates have been an added hardship. When the rates are double what I pay for my land land calls or my cell phone it make no sense. It is so obvious they are price gouging us with their greed. Easy to do since this is the only choice we have. When there is NO competition they have you over a barrel.
879	Karen	Biesanz	14830	NY	
880	Elsa	Bondar	14072	NY	People in prison need the supportive contact of family.
881	Sharon	Bourke	11722	NY	
882	Linda	Brisson	13827	NY	We should be doing everything we can to strengthen family ties where they are already under extreme duress. Please make these charges fair and competitive.
883	Joan	Budd	10570	NY	
884	Maria	Bullock	12306	NY	
885	Glorya	Cabrera	10034	NY	
886	allen	chazin	11367	NY	
887	Sara	Chimene-Weiss	2138	NY	
888	Sara	Chimene-Weiss	2138	NY	It is wrong to make revenue and profit on the backs on women and children who have partners, parents, children and other loved ones in jail.
889	Virginia (Ging	Comstock	14009	NY	Stop taking financial advantage of those in the most vulnerable of populations.
890	Gayle J.	Davis	14031	NY	
891	renata	dobryn	11954	NY	

892	Margaret	Dodge	14424	NY	
893	Noah	Edelstein	10025	NY	
894	Shaurain	Farber	10469	NY	
895	lauretta	finiguerra	11372	NY	
896	Bobbie D.	Flowers	10011	NY	
897	Gloria	Foster	14424	NY	
898	Janet	Fraidstern	11218	NY	
899	Maura	Francis	11596	NY	
900	pam	freeman	10024	NY	
901	stewar	frimer	11375	NY	
902	Vanessa	Futrell	14127	NY	
903	Molly Sheare	Gabel	11968	NY	
904	marilyn	gaddis ross	13905	NY	
905	Sonia	Goldstein	10011	NY	
906	Dale	Goodson	10009	NY	
907	Rosanne	Grandinetti-Delgado	11358	NY	
908	Pamylle	Greinke	11958	NY	
909	Ruth	Grossman	10605	NY	
910	Alicia	Guidarelli	10567	NY	
911	Elizabeth	Guthrie	14580	NY	
912	Savannah	H	10036	NY	
913	Jen	Halbert	11209	NY	
914	Marian	Inguanzo	10462	NY	<p>Social Justice Action and Equality: Telephone contact is part of the family, caregivers and community support that fights recidivism. The real victims of the high cost of these phone calls are the families that have to pay the phone bills. It's not the inmates themselves; it's the families that end up paying the phone bills. Families seek fair rates in affordable cost.</p> <p>Taking advantage of people who can least afford the exorbitant phone charges is downright mean spirited.</p>
915	Bertha	Kriegler	12308	NY	
916	Ellen	Krug	11215	NY	
917	A	Lotsch	11969	NY	

918	Daniel	Lutzker	10524	NY	
919	Sara	Maeder	11216	NY	
920	Ellen	Mahlke	10034	NY	
921	Jack David	Marcus	10025	NY	
922	Michael	Martin	10023	NY	
923	Ari	Martinez	10458	NY	
924	Noam	Mayer-Deutsch	12604	NY	inequality impacts us all
925	Jeni	Medrano	11211	NY	My best friend is in jail in new york - and he complains about how expensive it is - and how often it takes his money without connecting. His girlfriend was in a county jail in NJ and it cost me almost \$1000 in five months just to make sure she was alive. It was like ten dollars to just connect the call. I don't have that kind of money and neither do they. It's breaking apart families. If friends and family members could afford-ably talk to their loved ones - they'd commit less crime and make everyone safer when they get out.
926	Urania Fuller	Messing	10523	NY	
927	rosemary	milici	12440	NY	
928	Barbara	Naso	11581	NY	We pay \$20/15 minutes to speak with my nephew in Florence, Az. The cost is a burden to me and my sister who are on fixed incomes with a variety of medical conditions. The cost is prohibitive but equally as frustrating is the poor service provided by the phone company...e.g. like calls that don't connect properly, the bad connections and being denied calls for no apparent reason after we have been receiving them for years.
929	Suzanne	Neusteter	11215	NY	Phone costs place a burden on prisoners and their families, making it unnecessarily difficult for families to remain connected while a loved one is incarcerated and is counterproductive to goals of rehabilitation and correction, which are enhanced by contact and communication between family and other social supports.
930	jill	nord	11385	NY	
931	Janet	O'Hare	11372	NY	

932	Wanda	Ortiz	10455	NY	In the community I work and live more then 75 percent of the families are of low or no income trying to meets ends everyday.
933	carol pasquin	pasquince	11746	NY	
934	Kathleen	Pelton	12160	NY	
935	christine	perkins	13152	NY	
936	Carol Fox	Prescott	12448	NY	
937	Linda	Proctor	14424	NY	
938	Carol	Ransom	14889	NY	
939	Emma	Redden	12604	NY	
940	Elizabeth	Saenger	10543	NY	
941	suzanne	schaem	10150	NY	
942	Nancy	Scheck	10583	NY	
943	Margery	Schiff	10605	NY	
944	E.S.	SCHLOSS	10128	NY	
945	Donna	Seymour	13676	NY	This is just another example of private profit from public incarceration. The fact that anyone would make a profit off the penal system is a crime in itself.
946	Tami	Shaloum	11201	NY	
947	William	Sharfman	10024	NY	
948	Julia	Sharpe-Levine	12604	NY	
949	Shana	Siegel	11215	NY	
950	Iorraine	Slepian	11561	NY	
951	Nancy	Smith	12401	NY	
952	Patricia	Soper-Oakes	14843	NY	
953	Maria	Studer	11756	NY	
954	Lynne	Teplin	10708	NY	
955	Caroline	Thomas	10024	NY	
956	Carl	Tyndall	10468	NY	
957	David	Udin	14214	NY	
958	Linda	Umans	10025	NY	
959	Carol	Vericker	10977	NY	

960	judith	vorreuter	10009	NY	
961	Elissa	Weindling	10606	NY	
962	karin	welsh	12020	NY	
963	Khadija	Yanni	11713	NY	N/A. - - However, I can understand how this exorbitant rate can add to families already struggling to maintain a normal life when facing difficulties.
964	andrea	zaferes	12481	NY	
965	Joyce A.	Zucker	11740	NY	
966	Julia	Baldwin	43606	OH	
967	David	Bell	44118	OH	If we ever hope for justice, society must protect the vulnerable.
968	Michele	Biggane	45069	OH	
969	Chandra	Bramlett	44310	OH	
970	Peggy	Burgin	45036	OH	
971	Toni	Chandler	44122	OH	Many people that's incarcerated suffers from mental illness, so having the phone rates high is really gauging and should be considered a violation of their Constitutional Rights.
972	Daphne	Dodson	43212	OH	
973	Lisa	Drake	45230	OH	
974	suzanne	gubics	44145	OH	
975	Robert	Harmon	43221	OH	
976	Kathy	Helmbock	45209	OH	
977	Mrs M	Herriny	45504	OH	
978	Ann	Hirschberg	44138	OH	
979	Jill	Huettich	44107	OH	
980	Wendy	Huntsman	44281	OH	
981	Pam	L	45140	OH	
982	Jessica	Madsen	45212	OH	Isn't it time someone reign in the profiteering of the Prison Industrial complex?
983	Jennifer	Martin	44714	OH	
984	Nicole	McAtee	43612	OH	

985	MaryLynn	Michaelis	44028	OH	The phone companies are acting like parasites exploiting prisoner families who are already in many cases financially stressed. If we are to have any expectation of rehabilitating prisoners, we must facilitate family communication and support.
986	David	Modarelli	44312	OH	
987	LaToya	Moore	45214	OH	My brother has been in prison for 18 years since the age of 15. My mother is among the very hardworking poor and is now going through a very painful foreclosure process. It has been very difficult to maintain consistent communication with my brother in part because of the high costs. Organizations that provide services to the prison industry seem to be allowed to set prices with very little competition. A 15 minute phone call is extremely expensive and they interrupt every call with various operator announcements. But the phone calls are only the beginning - it costs \$5 to send money to an inmate and all the clothing, electronics and food are marked up 300% from regular prices in the open marketplace. And you can only purchase from two vendors - isn't this illegal?
988	Kathleen	Morris	43214	OH	
989	Rita	Stull	45208	OH	
990	Marsha	Tiffany	45241	OH	
991	Elizabeth	Unser	43081	OH	
992	Judy	White	43202	OH	
993	Mary Alice	Wilson	45503	OH	what you're doing is unfair and greedy and not the American way of doing things....maw
994	Christina	Cedillo	74133	OK	
995	Lois	Dayton	74050	OK	
996	dolly	gonzales	74058	OK	quit ripping off poor people
997	Jo Ann	Howse	74145	OK	
998	Tammy	Long	73020	OK	Please do not raise phone rates and lower them for those who are in facilities. The children are the ones who are really suffering due to someone's greediness. Please be a voice for them and help them as they can not help themselves. Thank You.

999	Amy	Wilson	73072	OK	I rarely get to speak with my friend due to concerns about phone rates. Each call costs between \$5 and \$10. In the age of cell phones offering unlimited local and long distance for \$50 a month, the amount I'm paying for phone calls is absolutely absurd. It doesn't cost this much. It's sickening that so much money is being made off people who can least afford it. Please change this practice immediately .
1000	Rubab	Jafri	34502	ON	I am with you
1001	Ghassan	Ammar	97209	OR	
1002	Margalo	Ashley-Farran	97229	OR	The FCC should not permit phone companies to exploit prisoners and their families. Society is better served by making it easier for prisoners and their families to stay in touch. It is especially important for the prisoners' children.
1003	Terry	Barber	97401	OR	
1004	Judith	Bentley	97027	OR	
1005	Sylvia	Black	97219	OR	
1006	Patty	Bonney	97223	OR	
1007	Claire	Cohen	97034	OR	
1008	Pauline A	Curtis-Bookw	97060	OR	
1009	Jeanne	Deane	97361	OR	
1010	angela	fazzari	97213	OR	
1011	Alex	Fish	97211	OR	I've had a few friends in prison over the years and the difficulty they had keeping in close contact with their families and supportive friends was detrimental. Many studies have shown the correlation between maintaining relationships and lower recidivism rates, I urge you to do all you can to make this easier for prisoners and their loved ones.
1012	Gary	Gilardi	97031	OR	
1013	Margaret	Keene	97503	OR	
1014	Debra	Kern	97224	OR	
1015	Christine	Mallette	97523	OR	

1016	Sheila	Montgomery	97206	OR	Please end the insane charges for families and those incarcerated. Statistics show that involvement with family and friends helps lower recidivism. If the rates are high it makes it difficult for folks to stay in contact. Talking to your loved one should never be a way for anyone to make a profit.
1017	Susan	Nash	97267	OR	My friend in prison in Kentucky is afraid to call anymore because the phone rates have gone through the roof. Isn't being in prison bad enough without heaping additional misery on top of it?
1018	Dee	Potter	97701	OR	It would be a kind thing to do!
1019	Darcey	Priss	97006	OR	
1020	Edward D	Rasmussen	97045	OR	
1021	Michel	Reeverts	97211	OR	
1022	Debra	Rehn	97202	OR	
1023	William	Rizer	97111	OR	
1024	Adrien	Schless-Meier	97202	OR	
1025	Becky	Silvey	97007	OR	
1026	Stephanie	Soquet	97206	OR	
1027	sheila	swinford	97391	OR	
1028	Richard	Ullom	97266	OR	
1029	Sarah	Wiebenson	97214	OR	
1030	Steve	Overton	LE19 3G	ot	
1031	Emily	Abendroth	19143	PA	For years, I have seen myself and others around me struggle to keep contact with friends, family members, and loved ones whose well-being is of enormous importance to them. The distance of these prisons is enough of its own obstacle; these exorbitant fees are simply an inexcusable and malicious poverty tax on those already most strapped for resources.

1032	Kelly	Amos	17701	PA	Mothers and fathers are unable to say goodnight to their children. If one parent is out of the home it straps the other parent financially. Who can afford to pay a bill like this for the parents to be able to ask about a child's day or an ill family member. It punishes much more than the prisoner.
1033	Judith	Becker	19126	PA	
1034	Jean	Belak	15062	PA	Since you have been entrusted with making such essential life-altering choices for the families of so many U.S. citizens (over 2 million incarcerated), you are carrying a heavy burden. You undoubtedly know that nearly all of these inmates will be released from prison. You know that strong continuing ties to family, friends and community during imprisonment drastically reduces recidivism. WE know that you face pressure to turn a blind eye to profiteering by a few powerful entities, thus undermining all of the above. Please draw on all necessary thoughtfulness, courage, principle and whatever larger purpose that may guide you, and choose to protect first our most vulnerable, and therefor all of our current and future lives. Thank you, Jean Ann Belak
1035	k	danowski	15228	PA	
1036	Gilda	De Ferrari	15001	PA	
1037	Sally	Eberhardt	19107	PA	Parents, children and other loved ones need to be able to afford to keep in touch. This should be a basic in any real democracy. Do the right thing.
1038	Susan	Evans	19050	PA	
1039	Phillip	Fenster	19116	PA	
1040	Mary	Fish	19119	PA	
1041	Valerie	Glauser	19119	PA	
1042	Angela	Grace	15701	PA	
1043	NANCY	guzy-venick	15209	PA	corporate america inside the cells too, outrageous
1044	Evelyn	Haas	19152	PA	
1045	Carrie	Hagan	15224	PA	

					<p>My friend has a son in prison and has since passed away and no longer has any family to stay in touch with. I have know him for many many years and Im his only resource to the outside world. I cant tell you how much money I have sent him just for calls and have also accepted many collect calls from him. It becomes very costly and I am on a fixed income as well. There have been many times we have been talking and our conversation is just cut off! Very frustrating when you have this done to you. The money I sent to him, is still not enough for him to have the luxury items such as soap and personal items as well as a few phone calls for him! You can still only purchase items from the commissary, as you are not allowed to order from the factory for thing like gloves scarves. The gloves they have are very very thin ones. I know they are in there for a crime, but they are still people! I am desptely hoping that you will be able to help us all with the gouging prices we have to pay for a 15 minute call.I do believe the prison gets a cut from the cost of the phone call they do make. I would like to take the time to Thank You for at least reading this.I did make a promise to his mom before she passed that I would do my very best to stay in touch with him. I have even gone as far as getting a jpay account that I can send money directly to him and also buy stamps for letters I write to him in order for him to get them sooner than if I mailed them from my home. I have come to find out that my letters dont always get to him in a timely manner. I have even sent him a transcript that was to get to him the next day, he hasnt recieved it yet!!! Again, I thank You</p>
1046	Leslie	Hayden	16601	PA	- - Leslie P. Hayden
1047	Deborah	Hepler	15226	PA	

1048	Alison	Hirsch	17701	PA	My best friend was recently incarcerated at Lycoming County prison in Pennsylvania, and I was shocked to see how much a local phone call costs, even though I live just a few blocks away from the prison. First, there is a fee for me to put money into offenderconnect.com - \$3.00 fee for a \$10.00 deposit, \$4.25 for a \$20 deposit. I didn't see a list of fees before I posted the deposit. Plus, each phone number requires a separate deposit, so they can't be combined to reduce the fees, so I had to pay extra fees to add his mother's phone number. The cost for the phone calls themselves are \$4.25 for up to 15 minutes, and an outrageous \$3.00 for less than a minute, when my voicemail picks up the calls. I can't imagine how people deal with this when their loved ones are imprisoned for lengthy sentences.
1049	Sharon	Hoffman	15237	PA	
1050	jean	holveck	19342	PA	they should be able to reach out and touch someone just as we can on the outside.
1051	Nancy	Hosford	15146	PA	
1052	Richard	Karlin	15217	PA	
1053	Frank X.	Kleshinski	15644	PA	
1054	Amos	Levy	15208	PA	
1055	MaryAnn	Lubas	15136	PA	We have paid close to \$7.00 for just a 15 minute call which has caused us financial hardship. Why are we being punished and we are to keep our loved ones connected to their families. At this rate, it makes it very, very hard! Please hear our cries to stop this!!!!
1056	Lori	Lydic	15143	PA	I know many people and families that have been negatively affected by the exhorbitant and unreasonable charges - as if the prison phone services are being run by a monopoly. The families should not be punished, and the persons in prison are serving their time - the rates and fees incurred are unfair and should not be used as additional punishment.

1057	Michael	Marsilio	15005	PA	In this age of one price, unlimited calling/long distance phone services available to most landline subscribers, it is a shame that inmates and their loved ones are being used as profit making instruments for the prison industry. You would think that with the significant costs involved for inspecting inmate mail that phone calls would be encouraged as a cost efficient alternative.
1058	Kathryn	Mason	19142	PA	If prisoners are to succeed upon release, they must maintain contacts with family and others who support them.
1059	Jay	McCahill	19050	PA	
1060	Mike	McCampbell	15211	PA	
1061	Marilyn	McKee	17110	PA	My niece was incarcerated for addition to prescription drugs, after a very long and painful obstruction surgery, I feel that this was negligence on her doctor to prescribe these narcotics for such a long period of time and such potent doses, when she was in prison it was very difficult to pay for everything, fines, room and board, plus at least \$7.00 per minute for a phone call to a place that was 4 miles away. People have the mistaken impression that imprisonment is free, she could have stayed at a five star hotel for the prices my sister and I paid for her stay in prison.
1062	Maria	Muzzie	15106	PA	
1063	Janice	Myers	17111	PA	
1064	Mary	Norris	19104	PA	
1065	Nick	Ospa	19143	PA	
1066	Helen	Pinto	15001	PA	
1067	Nancy	Ranieri	19025	PA	
1068	Kathleen	Richard	19342	PA	
1069	Arlene	Rudin	18428	PA	
1070	Safwat	Salama	18102	PA	we can't talk to our dear friend and this is his only means of keeping from getting overwhelmed with depression.

1071	Cynthia	Shaler	16827	PA	I pay low rates. Why should prisoners and their families pay rates that are any different? They receive the same exact services, after all.
1072	Anita	Smith	18083	PA	
1073	Jeanne	Smith	15601	PA	
1074	Barbara	Smith	19143	PA	
1075	Evan	Spiller	19104	PA	
1076	Wendi	Staib-Smith	17701	PA	Family members of incarcerated individuals are already suffering because of something they didn't do. Don't punish families more by charging them outrageous rates to speak to their relative; they haven't done anything wrong!!
1077	Pinky	Stanseski	18512	PA	I support this rule because it is wrong for any company to gouge prisoners and their families
1078	Kathrryn	Stone	19072/2	PA	It is unfair to charge prisoners and their families rates higher than the going rate for civilians. Children need to communicate to parents who might be in prison. Lets be fair. Change the rules and make them fair.
1079	patricia	taylor	17109	PA	My elderly sister pays outrageous telephone fees to talk with her mentally ill, drug addicted son who is, of course, in prison rather than in a mental health or rehab facility where he belongs. It is a hardship for an older person who is retired and living on SS. Why punish the families of the mentally ill/drug addicted? Their lives are miserable enough without some rip-off telephone company making money off them and their unfortunate loved ones.
1080	Lynda	Thomason	17202	PA	
1081	Jennifer	Valentino	15207	PA	Your inflated rates violate families. End your violation.
1082	Phyllis	Wetherby	15221	PA	
1083	beverly	williamson-Pe	15136	PA	
1084	Luther	wissa	18102	PA	it have made it very difficult to communicate and more expansive then I can afford in this very had economic times when It's very cheap to make a call on the out side.

1085	Deidre	Young	19460	PA	
1086	Don	Balya	15017	PR	Why should the Pennsylvania DoC allow a company to force me to set up an account with them so that I can receive collect calls from inmates? This is CRAP, and I am tired of both the DoC and Global Tel-link, which is both dishonest and incompetant. Stop this cheesy practice now.
1087	Cammy	Kennedy	29205	SC	
1088	Robert	Krogh	29466	SC	
1089	Lisa	Langcake	29707	SC	
1090	Nancy	Larsen	29078	SC	Generally, I resent the incredible profit of major tel. companies going to conservative political candidates and issues. NOT fair. Why not cut the costs to the customers? What are these companies getting for their contributions?
1091	Michael	Molder	29108	SC	
1092	Vincent	Gormley	57104	SD	This does not affect me personally. But it should not be permitted, period.
1093	Catherine	Bush	37211	TN	
1094	Melissa	Butler	37013	TN	

1095	Alexandra	Chambers	37209	TN	As a religious volunteer with friends in jails and prisons across the country, I have experienced first hand the exorbitant cost of staying connected to loved ones who are incarcerated. While I have managed the financial burden with some help, too many families already trying to make ends meet are not able to due to such high costs. - - - Phone calls are lifelines for those who are incarcerated. Through these phone calls they receive the support, love, and encouragement needed to do their time and successfully transition back into the community. And yet, for far too many of those incarcerated, the financial sacrifice exacted by the high rates of phone calls is one that many families cannot afford. - - - Such prices are not only unconscionable but they are illogical for a system that claims their goal is the rehabilitation and reincorporation of those who are incarcerated into their communities. - - - I urge the FCC to take action and help lower the cost of prison phone calls for the wellbeing of those who are incarcerated, their families, and our communities as a whole. We all benefit when those who are incarcerated are able to connect with their loved ones and receive
1096	Jacqueline	Cleveland	37854	TN	Having to pay close to \$10+ on a 30 minute or longer call has put a financial strain on me. My husband doesn't have very good days when we can't talk frequently. He says, "just hearing your voice makes all the difference in my day."
1097	Donna	Cravens	37013	TN	
1098	Laura	Helfman, MD	37313	TN	Dysfunctional families with limited resources are spending so much money on communication they limit calls and cannot maintain/strengthen their bonds
1099	Gloria	Monroe	38242	TN	

1100	Rebecca	Myers	37620	TN	Phone rates have gone down for everyone, and with cell use, the decisions to give up some things just to make a phone call are almost gone. Almost except for those who have loved ones in prison. The punishment shouldn't be for the families. Please help lower these phone costs.
1101	Sarah	Peacock	37205	TN	
1102	Myrna	Salomon	38018	TN	The prison phone call system is a monopoly which makes rates unreasonably high. It is very important for inmates to stay in contact with family and friends. With high phone rates, calling is not an option for many. Some inmate phone systems can't or won't even quote fee per minute. Complications arise with dropped calls or sending a check or money order and having it put on the inmates account. If you use a credit card there is even an extra charge. Affordable phone system for inmates to keep in touch with family and friends is a step to reduce recidivism.
1103	Loreen & Ald	Silvarahawk	37354	TN	We have a Son incarcerated in Marietta, GA and we live in TN. The cost of a phone call is \$30.65 for 30 minutes and between \$15.00 and \$20.00 extra charges for processing and taxes. GlobalTel will not go through our phone carrier of AT&T. They want the money sent directly to them. On our fixed income, it is very difficult for us to do this. We have to resort to snail mail only.
1104	Martha	Wettemann	37146	TN	I provide assistance from my own funds to impoverished people in the community. The rates phone companies charge prisons, which the prisoners have to pay, are outrageous and are a way to push local government costs onto poor people again, keeping them poor.
1105	Lane Maeve	Alison	78362	TX	
1106	Nicole	Boudreau	78413	TX	
1107	Saundra	Boyd	77054	TX	I'm all for capitalism, but exploitation MUST NOT be part of the business strategy. And it is worse when it further damages the already damaged in our population--that hurts all of us ultimately.
1108	Misty	Breaux	78749	TX	

1109	Lauren	Brightwell	78045	TX	
1110	Terry	Burke	78133	TX	
1111	Joan	Covici	75218	TX	Prison phone kickbacks are wrong. - - States receive kickbacks from phone companies -- 40% percent of the cost is for the service and 60% is a kickback to the state government. - - Prison phone kickbacks are wrong. - - Prisoners who maintain contact with their families are more successful in staying out of prison after they are released. - - Prison phone kickbacks are wrong.
1112	Hannah	Decker	77030	TX	Don't discriminate against prisoners.
1113	April	Emmert	75094	TX	
1114	Maria	Esparza	78070	TX	The rates charged by Comal County and Securus Technologies are abnormally high. When you consider that today's technologies have facilitated communication and have made them more economical, it is unusual to see that this has not taken place in jails/prisons in Texas. My suspicion is that local counties have decided to use this as a way to supplement their income. I feel that this is most unfair, especially to those who are on limited incomes or who have no income at all. All communication in Comal County jail is monopolized by Securus Technologies, where a large connection fee gets assessed. If an individual is already paying for his "crime" via incarceration, why further castigate financially? This process discriminates against the poor. Why can the system not just use phone cards from a variety of phone companies? Why does Securus Technologies have to hold a monopoly on communications in Comal County jail?
1115	Joleen	Garcia	78237	TX	
1116	Tamara	George	79936	TX	
1117	Brenda	Godsey	77581	TX	
1118	Elisa	Gonzalez	78218	TX	

1119	Estrella	Gonzalez	78541	TX	These rates are too high. What makes these companies think they can take advantage of our families like that? Sickening.
1120	Matthew	Gossage	78702	TX	
1121	Denise	Griffin	75104	TX	
1122	Candace	Grumbles	76437	TX	not able to make calls to my loved ones in prison because the rates are so high...over \$4dollars for per minutes its uncalled for
1123	Teffanie	Hansen	75459	TX	
1124	Teffanie	Hansen	75459	TX	Our prison system is already struggling to be a rehabilitative system. I watch programs regarding criminals and hear consistently, "He went in at the young age of -- and came -- years later a hardened criminal." Any lifeline to someone on the outside that can counterbalance that direction and make an impact on potential rehabilitation benefits all of society. None of us want to be the victim of crimes or pay more in taxes for more prisons. Higher costs for their phone calls will discourage and decrease those quality contacts. It's discriminatory and doesn't help anyone. I know when my father was in prison and had constant contact with our family it gave him something to change for. Things weren't hopeless for him. After his time served he lived better than he ever had before.
1125	Leslie	Hatcher	76092	TX	Kicking people when they are down, particularly women, is a disgrace to all involved. Stop taking financial advantage of those in the most vulnerable of populations.

1126	Corina	Hernandez	78052	TX	My fiance tells me that no matter how much he wants to stay out of trouble while in the TDCJ, he is faced with trouble 24 hrs a day, day in and day out. I visit every 6-8wks, so phone contact in between visits is very important for the support and constant reminder that he has someone to be strong for and come home to. We spend well over \$100 every month for phone calls alone. We were happy to have the opportunity for calls in between visits, but quickly found that it became even more expensive to have phone contact. It is imperative to be able to express the support from family to these inmates. it keeps my fiance strong and encouraged...it makes him want to just serve his time and come home...and it nurtures the bond between us and his children. it makes it easier for him to return home and rebuild his life because his relationships remain intact. Please help with the cost per minute and let family help their loved ones become better people. God
1127	Amanda	Hernandez	77073	TX	
1128	Kenneth	Hoppe	78613	TX	
1129	Cindy	Kelly	78681	TX	I pay \$7.78 for a 20 minute call from my friend in prison. I bought a cheap cell phone with a number local to his prison to get that rate. The few times he's called me on my regular cell #, the calls have been \$19 for a 20 minute call. These kinds of rates put regular phone calls out of the reach of many families. I can tell you from my work as a volunteer in prisons that having regular contact with family and friends is one of the things that gives people in prison hope and a desire to do things differently in the future. So many people in prison feel forgotten and hopeless about their future. Please make significant changes in the phone rates for calls from prisons
1130	Lisa	Kimble	78665	TX	
1131	Esther	Klegerman	77080	TX	
1132	Frank	Lopez	79912	TX	

1133	Lori	Marshall	75092	TX	My son won't call because of the cost. I haven't heard his voice in 6 months now and he is not due to be released anytime soon.
1134	Lisa	Matthysse	79109	TX	
1135	Margarita	McAuliffe	78247	TX	I'm not able to talk to my son on the phone because I can't afford the rates. He's in another city, so I can't see him very often. Family and friends need help in keeping in touch with their incarcerated loved ones.
1136	Eve	McFarland	78746	TX	
1137	violet	milller	76308	TX	iam on a limited income i have one brother its his first time i am the only family hes got to talk to it has put a huge burden on me if you will bring the cost of the phone calls down not only could i talk to him more but it would give more money for my bills please bring the price of the calls down
1138	michael	milller	76308	TX	as you well know its all for the children and families thank you
1139	jerry	moody	76182	TX	One may think its ok to make considerable profits off of a trapped audience but the people that violated societies laws arent the ones paying the actual monetary expense. The innocent moms, dads and kids pay the money and all they want to do is support the incarerated family member. The prisoner needs to know people care otherwise they become harder towards society. Don't let CORPORATE GREED dictate your decision. Monopolies are wrong and you know this

1140	Rachael	Phillips	75555	TX	I am a mother of three boys whose father is incarcerated, but the cost of phone calls is too high. Two of my children can write but they don't like to they like to talk on the phone, my 4 year old can't write and he relies on phone time with his daddy. But when I have rent and bills I have to pay on the outside, I shouldn't have to pay ridiculous phone rates just so my kids can talk to their father. I don't understand why prisoners families have to keep paying like we are the criminal, just to have contact with a loved one. I mean enough money goes in just for commissary. It's just plain wrong to keep taking more and more from these families, when most can't afford it. You think you're just punishing the inmate but there are more people involved than just the inmate. They have family just like you and they have
1141	Gail J.	Reams	78705	TX	
1142	sandra	reeves	77006	TX	
1143	Diana	Richards	76016	TX	Prison is a horrible place, especially for the wrongfully convicted-innocent person. Copious prison sentences, I believe, do more to destroy society than to protect it or keep us safe. A small little tiny, and yet significant relief would be not to have to pay an extra societal penalty for high long-distance phone bills just to make sure our loved one is safe and half-way well.
1144	J.R.	Russell	78229	TX	
1145	Delilah	Salas	79935	TX	
1146	Leslie	Sapp	78228	TX	These rediculous rates make it hard to afford phone calls. With 3 small children, being able to speak to their dad is very important to keep that bond & relationship strong. Please lower the rates to a fair price.
1147	s	scales	78610	TX	Those rates are obscene. I was being ripped off big time to talk to my son who was a two hour drive away.
1148	Elizabeth	Schlein	77027	TX	
1149	Edan-Kane	Soledad	77571	TX	

1150	Madaline	States	75247	TX	The inflated rate of phone call from prison has not affected me directly but injustice in the social system has. I empathy for those who seek justice as I know that the road is very difficult. It is cruel to profit from others' hardships and this type of exploitation should be stopped. - - - Sincerely, - - - Madaline E. States - - www.ruhullaha-marvamkho.blogspot.com
1151	Lisa	Stone	77096	TX	
1152	Carrie	Tilton-Jones	78727	TX	
1153	PAMELA	VANWINKLE	76649	TX	I pay \$5.20 for a 20 minute phone call from my fiance'. It is hard enough him being away from his family as well as others in his situation but it's even worse when his family cannot afford for him to call which is the issue with his sister and brother. It is important for persons who are incarcerated to be able to remain in contact with their loved ones. My fiance' talks of how late at night in his unit you can hear guys sobbing because they miss their kids and other family members so much. Please make changes in this system so that we can afford to have more contact with our loved ones
1154	Sophia	Vassilakidis	77006	TX	
1155	Robin	Washington	75766	TX	We, as tax paying law abiding citizens would love to have fair rates so that we can maintain meaningful relationships.
1156	Courtney	Watson	78758	TX	
1157	Margaret	Werry	75228	TX	
1158	Michele	Westfall	78748	TX	
1159	Mel	White	75043	TX	As a volunteer advocate who helps families of inmates, I have seen these absurdly high charges impact the quality of life on both ends of the phone. Why should it be less expensive to call India or Great Britain than it is to call someone inside a prison in our own country?
1160	Thomas	Windberg	78669	TX	

					My brother is a Death Row inmate in Nevada and only gets to use the phone sporadically when they bring it to him. He can have one 15 minute phone call per day. There have been numerous times where we get connected and start talking only to have the call suddenly drop. We still get charged the full connect and phone amount even though we got cut off our conversation after only a few minutes. There have also been many phone calls where it is so staticky that we can't hear each other at all. Since my brother can only make one phone call per day, if we experience any sort of problem during the call, that is it until he gets the phone again. I try to always have money on my account so he can call but it is definitely a hardship on me and my family. Between putting money on his books, on my phone account and trying to visit, it leaves us stretched pretty thin. I would love to have cheaper call rates so we can have more chances to talk and also to have someone look into the connection and static problems that we experience on a regular
1161	Kimberley	Eastman	84043	UT	
1162	Stuart	McDonald	84111	UT	
1163	Aysegul	Acar-Dreyer	22041	VA	
1164	Emily	Bingham	22306	VA	
1165	Beth	Bingman	24245	VA	
1166	Dianne	Blais	22030	VA	
1167	Ann	Collins	22003	VA	
1168	Jamie	Coomer	23229	VA	
1169	Susan	Dax	22032	VA	
1170	Gwen	Doddy Lowit	22041	VA	
1171	Jane	Forbes	23040	VA	
1172	Elizabeth	Holtzclaw	22205	VA	

					Existing prison phone contracts result in exorbitant phone rates that make this vital communication unaffordable for those families. Our communities are disadvantaged when prisoners are unable to maintain family ties that will help them succeed post-release. We are asking the FCC to use its authority to regulate and set rate caps on interstate prison phone services. Regulation is necessary because telephone companies can,Äôt be depended on to lower the phone rates on their own.
1173	John	Horejsi	22181	VA	
1174	sherri	irving	22031	VA	
1175	Paula	Katz	24521	VA	
1176	Sarah	Litchfield	22963	VA	Children who keep in touch with their incarcerated parents are less likely to become incarcerated as adults!
1177	Diana	Malsky	22920	VA	
1178	Kenneth	Martin	22508	VA	

1179	Brianne	Marwaha	22202	VA	<p>To whom it may concern: - - My brother was wrongfully accused of a crime that he did not commit. He was put in jail and was unable to contact us for a week. When we finally got information on where he was and how to contact him we learned that the only way for us to communicate was through PayTel. Due to the fact that we live in different states and because I do not have a landline, each phone call cost almost 20\$ for ten minutes. Although we would be able to call back and talk for another ten minutes, that cost another 20\$. My brother was in jail for 72 days until we got enough money together to pay bond. In the meantime, I spent approximately 500\$ just in phone calls. These calls were his only connection to a support system and to information about his case. My family does not have a lot of money and living in a different state strained our emotions even more. To worry about paying lawyers fees is one thing, to have to tell a loved one not to call you because you cannot afford the call is something noone should be faced with, especially when it is not possible to visit the prison. Perhaps individuals do not have much sympathy for those who are criminals but my brother is not, he was accused of a crime he did not commit and without a trial, without any evidence, he was placed in jail and not only did he suffer, but my parents and myself suffered emotionally and economically speaking. Your freedoms should not be stripped like this in jail. Whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty? If that is our motto, then give us back at least the freedom to speak on a cell phone. I should not have to go into debt, I should not have to worry about how I am going to pay for a ten minute phone call. I should not have to tell my brother he cannot call me. Phone calls do not cost this amount of money, stop robbing people who are already struggling to survive. This is a monopoly in</p>
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1180	kelly	massengill	23233	VA	People in prison have restrictions put on them by the system, they should not be precluded from touching base with families, wishing children happy birthdays, learning if parents are ill, telling mothers they love them because of cost. Families are suffering enough when they lose sons, husbands, girlfriends. If people are incarcerated they are paying their dues, they should not nor their families be further penalized. It is an extortion.
1181	SHEILA	MAYSON	23803	VA	My son is in prison in New York State and I live in Virginia. It costs more than \$20 for 10 minutes! How am I supposed to have a positive impact on this young man if I can't afford to talk to him. Why should states get kick backs from me. I have committed no crime.
1182	Marilyn	McCarty	23112	VA	We pay the cost for Global Tel-Link calls from our son (\$4.50 per call 3 times a week) and from 2 other inmates once a week (one \$4.50 and one 6.50). When my younger son wants to talk to his brother, he has to pay at least \$11.00 per call as he is out-of-state. They usually talk twice a month. As you can imagine, these totals are on top of support money which we send each month for hygiene items, etc. The total for us is about \$97 per month and for my younger son \$22.00+ - - Please help us.
1183	Milton	Moon	20169	VA	This is outrageous.
1184	Vicky	Newell	22301	VA	
1185	Johanna	O'Brien	20141	VA	My handicapped ill mother on SSI cant afford to speak to her mentally ill son in prison
1186	Johanna	O'Brien	20141	VA	My ill mother who is on SSI cannot afford to speak to her mentally ill son in prison. he had to go to the mental institution in the justice system because his lack of contact outside of the prison drove him to have even more mental problem
1187	Amanda	Penrod	22191	VA	
1188	Laura	Polutanovich	22314	VA	
1189	Laura	Poole	22302	VA	
1190	Sarah	Roberts	23509	VA	

1191	Rosemarie	Sawdon	24060	VA	
1192	Jo	Scott	22192	VA	Most prisoners are low income so they really need reasonable phone rates to stay in touch with their children and families. Close family ties can help keep them from re-offending.
1193	Rend	Smith	22046	VA	
1194	Rita	Soworowski	22315	VA	
1195	Rita	Soworowski	22315	VA	I have a friend in the Petersburg va federal prison, I do send him money because of the outrageous phone prices, how can he afford if on only making 30 cents an hour?? Come on
1196	Margaret	Thomson	22102	VA	Cell phone communications have been made a priority for allocation of the more accessible bands on the spectrum. This same policy should apply -- accessible communications -- where there is any overall societal benefit. Helping parents raise their children is a Federal policy of long standing. Using phone communication costs to disadvantage families is wrong whether or not a parent has broken the law. Prison already takes away the freedom to communicate at any time; it should not take away the right to communicate at all. Phone calls to families and attorneys should be free.
1197	claire	tuite	23221	VA	PLEASE help to lower the rates associated with the cost of calling for people in prison. We have more people in prison than anywhere in the world and making it so unaffordable causes them to be further isolated which only leads to recidivism where there otherwise wouldn't be. Most of our prisoners are non violent and this harsh cost is only punishing people further. Please stop capitalizing on people's pain and suffering.
1198	John	Venskoske	22603	VA	For a 20 minute phone call in the same state, it cost him about \$15.00 per call. With him working for \$0.35/hour and one parent affected by the poor economy, he can only afford to make around 1 call a month.

1199	miles	vonlogan	24165	VA	I am a pharmacist and my wife is a BSRN nurse and we - - ran up a phone bill of 1,200.00 dollars in just 1 month received call from our son who was not even 80 miles from where we live. We paid it to our local telephone company. Then we got a prepaid plan. If you lose the ID number they refuse to send you your money back even if you paid it with a credit card or had valid ID card. These politicians know this is legal robbery and assault on the inmates family
1200	Patti	Warner	22801	VA	
1201	Jean	Westler	22602	VA	I knew the prison system was corrupt, but this is ridiculous! Stop this abuse.
1202	Jean	Wyant	22932	VA	
1203	Hannah	Aleshnick	5302	VT	
1204	Elizabeth	Bancroft	5649	VT	
1205	David	Gascon	5851	VT	No one should be held incommunicado. No one.
1206	Derek Rene	Johnson, Jr.	5303	VT	It's not enough that we can't see my brother because its he incarcerated so far away, we have to limited his calls because we can't afford to pay the phone bills!
1207	Henekis	Stoddard	5850	VT	
1208	Sallyann	Stoddard	5850	VT	The rates are exorbitant and unfair. They make maintaining a healthy family difficult and painful..
1209	David	Ward	5663	VT	
1210	Glen	Anderson	98503	WA	Don't you believe in SOCIAL JUSTICE? - - Why should phone companies be allowed to RIP OFF THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE? - - I implore you to RESIST PRESSURE FROM BIG CORPORATIONS and LISTEN TO YOUR HEARTS AND SOULS.
1211	Gary	Bennett	98229	WA	
1212	Robert	Blumenthal	98115	WA	
1213	Jerry	Broadbent	98530	WA	What a racket! Phone calls to inmates should be the same as they are in the vicinity the prison is located!!!

1214	Carol	Burwell	98339	WA	
1215	Martha	Burwell	98339	WA	
1216	Lorraine	Carlucci	98104	WA	
1217	Aaron	Chaney	98849	WA	I cannot continue to get calls, when as of 2/1 the price will double for the state of Nevada. Please help!
1218	Lauren	Collins	98021	WA	
1219	Suerain	Davenport	99204	WA	Prisons already make enough of a profit on things they shouldn't, this is just one more example.
1220	Kathryn	Ellis	99027	WA	
1221	Donald	Elmer	98027	WA	1. Our prison system talks about rehabilitation, but it's all about punishment. Result: ruined lives of ex prisoners often without the right to vote. - - 2. Corporations feed off the trough of the government and gouge individual prisoners and their families. - - 3. So what's up with an FCC sits on its hands and lets this atrocity go on for decades. Have you no shame? Stop this!
1222	marilyn	evenson	98445	WA	
1223	Suzanne	Gordon	98127	WA	
1224	Adrienne	Green	98178	WA	
1225	Beatrice	Greenwald	98133	WA	
1226	Heather	Hall	98133	WA	
1227	Denise	Hanley	98589	WA	
1228	Marilyn	Harbaugh	98362	WA	
1229	Jean	Harold	98335	WA	Research shows that inmates with intact families are more likely to make the transition home from prison successfully than those who have lost contact with their families.
1230	A Anita	Hidalgo	98116	WA	Most prisoners are low income so they really need reasonable phone rates to stay in touch with their children and families. Close family ties can help keep them from re-offending.
1231	A	Huenke	98368	WA	

1232	Kristi	Jackson	99206	WA	My brother is an inmate at a prison in Nevada. I live in Washington. To be able to speak to him, it costs about \$25 per phone call, which is absurd. Being in prison is punishment. Cutting them off from family and friends is cruel. It punishes the family. We are the ones who pay for the calls. I'm a tax payer. I've committed no crimes. There is no reason I should be punished. While some phone company profits and lines their pockets by taking advantage of our misfortune. That is a crime
1233	Jonathan	JimV@nez	98102	WA	
1234	Emma	Jornlin	98103	WA	I urge you to regulate phone costs for incarcerated individuals. Families with loved ones in prison need to be able to communicate with their relatives to maintain healthy relationships.
1235	joanne	klein	98118	WA	enough. does the pillaging of the middle class and the poor ever stop? i guess the phone companies aren't making enough money...
1236	Jim	Knight	98032	WA	
1237	Margo	Lechner	98064	WA	
1238	Lorie	Lucky	98122	WA	Prison phone rates are outrageous, and example of gouging our community.
1239	Dawn	Martin	98030	WA	my friend paid a dollar a minute in-state to talk to her boyfriend, who was the father of her child. In-state!!!
1240	Peggy	McCright	98012	WA	
1241	Gerry	Milliken	99223	WA	
1242	John	Page	98104	WA	We are requiring that the most vulnerable in our society continue to be exploited and oppressed. We cannot seriously talk about reentry, recidivism, or criminal justice reform if we do not address the financial incentives associated with mass incarceration...it's hypocritical.
1243	Karen	Peralta	98028	WA	
1244	helen	peterson	98501	WA	
1245	Danielle	Prince	98144	WA	

					My grand daughter is incarcerated in California and what GTL is allowed to do with their gouging is nothing short of criminal. Families are held hostage to their draconian indifference. For example; to have a prepaid account you are charged \$9.50 just to process your credit card and put \$40.50 on your account. Unless water goes down the drain differently in California than anywhere else in the world that is simply cheating families out of money. Their rates get worse from there, depending on how much the facility has contracted as a kickback. In Shasta County, it amounts to millions of dollars and what politician would want to let go of that kind of free money. It's the perfect scam! But people are in jail and prison for doing the same thing in the free world. What the hell is going on - where is the regulation. I wrote a letter to the FCC that never got answered. They know it hurts and that it's
1246	William	Rayburn	98631	WA	
1247	Toniann	Reading	98294	WA	Painfully!
1248	Diana Stack	Roberts	98684	WA	
1249	Vanya	Sandberg	98034	WA	
1250	Heidi	Shuler	98663	WA	
1251	Angela	Smith	98168	WA	
1252	Warren	Smith	98101	WA	State Departments of Correction and the phone companies should not be permitted to take advantage of inmates and their families with high phone charges. Low communication charges benefit inmates, their families, friends and society.
1253	Linda	Spellman	98335	WA	
1254	Rebecca	Sundberg	98260	WA	
1255	Pat	Tteal	98368	WA	Do not further punish the children of inmates. They did nothing wrong.
1256	Linda	Wasserman	98406	WA	
1257	Jennifer	Westra	99202	WA	

1258	Emily	Willoughby	98188	WA	I have never been in prison, and sincerely hope that I will never commit a crime that will land me there. However, the information which I just read about the extraordinarily high cost of prison phone calls seems quite unfair to everyone except the phone company or companies.
1259	Judith	Alston	53704	WI	
1260	Ruth	Battaglia	53575	WI	I support this because cost should not keep prisoners from family relationships.
1261	Joyce	Frohn	54901	WI	
1262	Virginia	Giguere	54304	WI	
1263	Karen	Gunderson	53704	WI	
1264	Renee	Joos	53210	WI	
1265	Glenn	Krakower	53228	WI	
1266	Julie	McNaughton	54751	WI	
1267	Helen	O'Reilly	53191	WI	This is a ridiculous scam. Someone is getting very rich by having a monopoly on communication with incarcerated people. In this area it's not just long distance, but local calls that are exorbitantly expensive.
1268	chris	ottosen	54871	WI	
1269	Gretchen	Patey	53713	WI	The FCC should not be a party to this exploitation of prisoners.
1270	Deb	Saeger	53562	WI	
1271	Dorothy	Sherman	53129	WI	
1272	John and Mar	Stoltenberg	53020	WI	
1273	Cathy	Burns	25174	WV	high phone rates mean that we cannot be in communication with our friends on the inside. Prisoners should have a right to call their families, especially young children.
1274	Christine	Hedges	25276	WV	The rates for calls from incarcerated persons is just too high.
1275	alisa	smith	26554	WV	my husband is in a va correctional center and a 20 minute call is \$13.00. It is impossible to hold a family together on 4 phone calls a month.

					My son has been in jail do to very questionable methods by the Knox county courts and since being in custody, the cost at both the county jail and the TDOC are totally beyond reason. - - - TDOC has a contract and I have seen that they get a kick back from Global Tel Ling that is averaging almost three million each year. This kick back is provided to the state and I'm sure people within the TDOC and the state government also get personal kick backs. This is so that GTL can charge excessive fees so that families and friends can talk to prisoners. - - - First this kick back generating company charges an excess fees just to load money on to an account so that calls can be made. This amount to a fee of almost 20%. For example, if you add fifty dollars to the account, only \$40 actually gets credited to the account. - - - Second, when a phone call is actually made, then the rates is at maximum long distance rates plus their fees or almost two dollars for the first minute. Then they charge between ten to thirty cents per minute there after. - - - Third, the the call is cut off for any reason, then a new call at the full rate must be made if the conversation is to continue. - - - Fourth, the rate of call being cut off seems to be excessively high with about 1 out of every ten calls being dropped for what ever reason. - - - Now if everyone had millions of dollars, it would not be an issue. But, the real fact is that the vast majority of people that are inmates are from families that can not afford these excessive rates. Personally, I'm retired and thus on a fixed income, so to see that the state takes a kick back that is being paid for by people that can't afford it is as close to criminal as you can get. If our legal system actually provided good and adequate legal council to people, then there would be fewer people in prison and less of a problem. But the
1276	ROBERT	WHIPPLE	82637	WY	
1277	Deborah	Barolsky	2476		
1278	Jeanette	Bezanson	48071		

1279	Thea	DuBow	10683		It's awful to charge the poorest people the most money to connect with their families on the phone. Shame on you!
1280	Sherrill	Futrell	9		
1281	Katie	Garton	10001		
1282	Sarah	Hall	91502		
1283	Beverly	Hammons	13071		
1284	Spencer	Matthews	770894		
1285	Caitlin	Silber	92831	CA	
1286	Mimi	Stevens	22310	VA	
1287	Robert	Weingart	43065	OH	